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# 3,000 schools threatened with closure

TEN PER cent of all schools will By JUDITH JUDD be placed in a new category of poor schools and given a deadline of a year to improve, ministers said yesterday.

At present, 600 schools have been declared failing by school inspectors and face closure unless they turn themselves around within two years.

A further 2,400 - around 10 per cent of all schools in England and Wales - have been found by inspectors to have serious weaknesses.

Stephen Byers, the school standards minister, said yesterday that the latter must turn themselves around within a year or they would be declared failing. He announced new measures to require local authorities to support schools with serious weaknesses and help them to draw up action plans with targets.

Ministers believe that early intervention is vital to prevent . He said that the previous school failure. New guidance for government's inspection local authorities says that they regime had treated all schools should step in after only six in the same way. Schools that is failing to make progress.

Under legislation before Parliament, councils will be able to appoint extra governors and withdraw the school's power to run its own budget.

All schools in the new category will be revisited by inspectors. Those with the worst reports will receive visits from inspectors from the Office for Standards in Education which will also target those local authorities which have a poor track record in helping strug-

Any school found to have se-

rious weaknesses will be monitored by Her Majesty's Inspector, perhaps once or twice a year. All schools placed in the new category will face a further full inspection after two years.

Mr Byers said: "Today we recognise a new category of school - those with serious weaknesses. Our proposed action will ensure that there is early intervention to prevent seriously weak schools drifting into failure. Local education authorities must provide their schools with the support and guidance to turn themselves

"As we expect failing schools to be restored to health within two years, it should be possible for schools with serious weaknesses to do so within a much shorter period."

given more freedom and the Government was already considering "lighter touch" inspections for them, he said.

David Hart, general secre-tary of the National Association of Head Teachers, backed the need to take action over poor schools hut opposed the imposition of an artificial deadline.

"The circumstances surrounding schools with serious weaknesses are infinitely variable and the length of time it takes to get out of that category

must inevitably vary." Doug McAvoy, general sec-

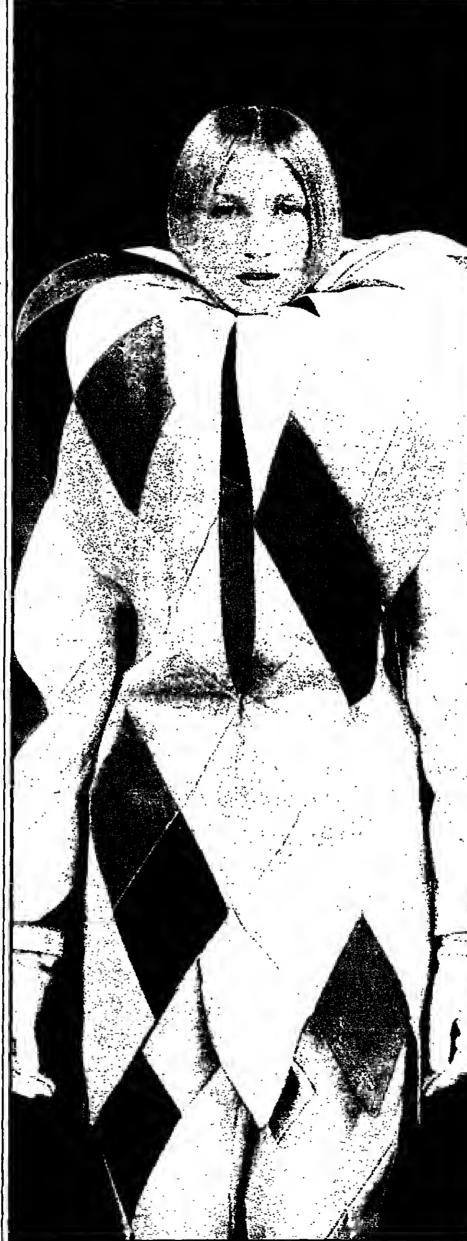
retary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "Schools with serious weaknesses have those weaknesses only in some aspects of their provision and they run alongside some excellent performance. If a school has the threat of possible closure looming over it, it is in danger of losing those excellent teachers and that will make it even more difficult for it to turn around.

Schools may be declared to have serious weaknesses for a number of reasons; poor national test or exam results, a weak head, pupils who are making slow progress in the hasics and unsatisfactory teaching in a quarter or more of lessons.

The new rules may help the Government to deal with a category of schools which have been causing increasing concern. An Audit Commission report earlier this year high lighted schools in leafy suburbs which were able to coast along hecause their middle class intake ensured that they were performing well should be achieved reasonable examina

The Government is taking new powers to close failing schools which do not improve and to reopen them under new management. As many as 25 schools failed by inspectors may close in September because they have failed to meet

the new two-year deadline. Ministers have abandoned the policy of "naming and shaming" failing schools after criticism from teacher unions and some headteachers who have succeeded in turning round poor schools.



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SPORT

# **Home Office** says police patrols don't catch crooks

BY IAN BURRELL **Home Affairs Correspondent** 

MANY OF the high-profile crime-fighting initiatives of recent years have been a failure, according to Home Office research released yesterday. The controversial study coincided, with a series of announcements by the Home Secretary, including a new £250m Crime Reduction Strategy.

Jack Straw said the new programme would only channel funds into schemes which had heen shown to have a measurable impact on rates of crime.

In its detailed research the Home Office examined the value of past crime reduction projects, including populist schemes such as Neighhour-hood Watch and extra "hobbies on the beat". It found that such measures can be "ineffective".

Instead, Mr Straw's new programme of initiatives will spend money on "early intervention" to tackle the social causes which lead young people into crime. Resources will also be concentrated on targeting ducing repeat attacks on victims and stopping repeat offenders.

Announcing the results of the Home Office Comprehensive Spending Review to Par-liament, Mr Straw said the police would be given an extra £1.24bn over three years. A further £660m will be spent on expanding prison capacity in the same period and the Probation Service will get an extra £127m, enabling it to carry out new responsibilities like extended supervision of sex offenders.

hudget is being extended by 23hn over three years.

The strategy will be overseen by a ministerial group hringing together the Home Secretary, the Attorney General, the Lord Chancellor and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury. Mr Straw said the group and its £250m budget represented "the largest commitment of its kind ever made in the world".

He said: "For many years governments concentrated too much on the consequences of crime to the detriment of its causes. But we can only make a long-term impact on crime



and disorder by concentrating

The new strategy was based largely on the findings of a three-year Home Office research project. It highlighted the ineffectiveness of community policing, where officers attempt to hulld better relations with the public to improve the flow of information about crime.

Neighbourhood Watch was found to flourish only in lowcrime areas. The Home Office concluded that it was unlikely that the schemes "have had a marked effect in preventing In total, the Home Office crime nationally".

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# Nanny charged with murdering baby girl

BY GLENDA COOPER Social Affairs Correspondent

AN AUSTRALIAN nanny will stand trial at the Old Bailey after being charged with the murder of the baby Caroline Jongen Louise Sullivan had previously been charged with causing grievous bodily harm to the child at the Jongen family home in north London earlier this year.

When the 26-year-old from Sydney appeared before Clerkenwell magistrates in north London yesterday, that charge was dropped and replaced by one of murder. The case was committed for trial at the Old



Sullivan: Old Bailey trial

Bailey at a date to be decided. Conditional bail was renewed, but with the additional requirement that Ms Sullivan does not seek employment caring for children aged 16 or under while waiting for her

At an inquest in London on 21 April, a pathologist, Dr Freddy Patel, testified that Caroline was probably a victim of "shaken baby syndrome". The baby was admitted to hospital on 17 April and died five days later when her life-support machine was switched off.

The case follows those of Louise Woodward, found guilty last year of the manslaughter of Matthew Eappen while working as an au pair, and of Helen Stacey who was jailed for life on Monday after being found guilty of shaking Joseph Mackin to death on 13 May last year.

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# Gawd 'elp us! Alf Garnett is resurrected

AFTER YEARS of venting his spleen on foreigners, homosexuals and feminists, Alf Garnett is to have his reactionary wisdom applied to a set of new. Nineties targets.

The Spice Girls, New Labour and the Millennium Dome will get it in the neck when the East End's most famous son returns to television screens

ny Speight, the creator of Till Death Us Do Part who died earlier this month. The series is a monologues in front of a theatre a tour of Australia by the same

HOME NEWS

BY PAUL MCCANN

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ITV is to air a six-part series

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Mitchell, gives his views on all

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Nineties concerns, including the

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The series was filmed six

Jacques Villeneuve, the F1 world champion, is quitting Williams to drive in the US

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coup for ITV which has taken audience as if the splenetic Alf name taken by Mitchell in 1968. an absolute legend, it would

Speight died of cancer at the

beginning of this month at the

age of 78. When his comic cre-

ation appeared on screens in

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issues of politics, race and sex

had been aired for a mass

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ITV had the idea of renewing have been sacrilegious not to

the format when An Audience use the programme."

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Reading difficulty is in the genes

Children who are slow to speak may be able to blame their genes, scientists have discovered. The capacity to use language, is learnt, but its absence appears to be inherited.

Trust opens McCartney house

Heritage was redefined by the National Trust yesterday as the boyhood home of Sir Paul McCartney was unveiled as a lourist attraction. The three-bedroom terrace house at 20 Forthlin Road, Allerton, Liverpool, has been acquired by the Trust which is restoring it to its 1950s modesty.

### FOREIGN NEWS PAGES 12 - 15

PNG wave victims burnt on pyre

The beach by the lagoon at Sissano where hundreds of people once lived on Papua New Guinea's north-west coast was turned into a funeral pyre vesterday as they burned the dead from the tidal wave that struck the region at the weekend.

Bolivia lives in fear of Banzer

Almost a quarter of a century after organising "The massacre of the valley" against protesting peasants and work-ers on. General Hugo Banzer is back in power in Bolivia, this time as democratically elected president, having hung up his uniform. Elected, but hardly a popular figure.

### **BUSINESS NEWS** PAGES 16 - 21

Young's sees off the City

Wandsworth town hall in London has seen some palitical scraps, but yesterday there was different theatre on offer: Young's, the brewer, versus the City.

> SPORTS NEWS PAGES 22 - 28

First woman centurion at Lord's

Australia's Lisa Keightley recorded the first century by a woman at the bome of cricket, scoring an unbeaten 113 against England in a one-day international at Lord's.

Cyclists 'ordered' to fund drugs The doping scandal overshadowing the Tour de France

took a new turn with allegations that Festina riders were ordered to contribute to a fund for illegal substances.

# WEDNESDAY REVIEW

20-PAGE BROADSHEET SECTION

Suzanne Moore

"Anna Ford makes headlines because underneath ber posed appearance she is angry. Decades of b patronised have made her more not less irate."

Miles Kington

"Party politics was perfectly summed up loog ago by HL Mencken when he said that democracy was a system in which both sides tried to convince the electorate that the other side was unfit to rule the country - and both sides were commonly right."

Ken Livingstone

"I once, long ago, took a few driving lessons - not particularly because I needed to drive for transport reasons. but because I hoped it might improve my luck with girls."

John Sutherland

"Most of the 20th century's best-selling novels have, mercifully, gone down the memory hole into oblivion. A few worthy titles (Gone with the Wind, The Godfather) have become all-time hits. There is, however, a category of bestsellers so bad that they're fun to dig up."

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# CBI chief warns Blair on pay

THE NEW president of the Confederation of British Industry served notice yesterday that it would lobby hard against any further workplace regulations or Government moves to legislate over pay at board-room and shopfloor level.

Sir Clive Thompson, who caused a stir two months ago by likening trade unions to "pests", threatens to tear apart Tony Blair's consensus with big business over trade union recognition and the statutory minimum wage, which was set at a figure of £3.60 an hour with exemptions for younger people.

The trade union recognition plans were drafted to avoid a confrontation with the business sector. Ministers will view Sir Clive's remarks as a a time when the Tories are threatening to rally business against taxes on companies to pay for higher spending, including taxing office parking

to fund public transport. The CBI chairman said the national minimum wage and the European Union working bours directive would cost his

dinner, he famously likened

to "pest control".

That would have to be passed onto customers through higher prices, pushing up inflation.

On his first day in the job, Sir Clive described himself as "conservative with a small c", potential source of trouble, at and in favour of the single currency. He confirmed he had not voted for Mr Blair at the last election.

He also made it clear be did not back the Government's programme of employment legislation or Mr Blair's muchvaunted "third way" involving co-operation between business and government. Sir Clive said markets and individual selfdetermination.

Denying speculation that Sir Clive would clash with the CBI's director general, Adair Turner, the two men said they would "rub along fine together". The new CBI boss warned

that if the Chancellor's growth forecasts proved too optimistic then there would be a hole in the budget which would have to be filled by higher taxes or increased borrowing.

Sir Clive has met Mr Blair on five occasions, and is expected to have his first formal meeting

company, Rentokil Initial, £10m. he supported free trade, open with the Prime Minister in wage set at £3.60 an hour was September.

A foretaste of the tougher line the CBI is likely to take under his leadership will come next week, when the organisation criticises the Government's trade union reforms. In its response to the Fairness at Work White Paper, the CBI will oppose plans to grant unions automatic recognition in workplaces where more than half of employees are unionised. The CBI will say that should only

belong to the same union. Sir Clive said a minimum

apply where all employees

towards the "top end" of what was workable. It would affect 10,000 Rentokil employees and mean job losses in parts of the business such as cleaning. He also said it would be

"inappropriate" for the Government to interfere directly in boardroom pay, as the Chancellor bas hinted it might. "Individuals have the right to sell their skills to whichever bidder they chose. Distortions of the market place which restrain people from operating in that way are undesirable."

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# Rentokil chief who made a killing

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

FOR 16 years Sir Clive Thompson has headed Rentokil Initial, the experts in pest control.

Running a company known to millions for its expertise in killing rats, mice and bugs may not be the most glamorous of positions, but it is one in which the never shy Sir Clive bas been particularly successful.

In the City he has become known as Mr 20 Per Cent, a nickname based on his pledge that Rentokil's profits would grow by a fifth every year.

So far it is a promise be has managed to bonour, belped partly by reductions last year in corporation tax. Either way, he is well paid for what be does last year he received a rise of 43 per cent, taking his total remuneration to £1.2m.

Compared to some salaries in the City, Sir Clive may not be the best paid. But he is certainly one of the more outspoken and testy of the high-profile businessmen that New Labour has

Sir Clive Thompson (left), the new president of the CBI, with the director-general, Adair Turner been trying to court. Last May, John Monks, was not clutching while sitting next to the Prime his sides with excess hilarity. Minister at the CBI's annual Rather, be was said to be split-

ting blood.

dealing with union recognition That, however, is unlikely to have bothered the businessman He later claimed his comwho lists his recreations as current affairs, the stock marment was a joke which everyket, golf and walking. Rather than being taken back by Mr

Monks' reaction, he continued to criticise the "Third Way" promoted by Tony Blair as a way for employers and workers

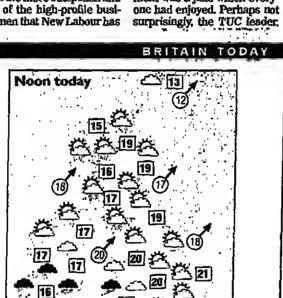
to get on together. "It is people as individuals who build great businesses. not markets, assets, brands, governments, not people col-

lectively but people as individ-

uals through their leadership, determination, self-belief and commitment," he said. His comments were seen by many observers as a straight throwback to the ideals of Margaret Thatchec In business Sir Clive. 55, who is married with two children and lives in West Sussex.

equally forceful. Two years ago the staunch Europhile and advocate of the single currency succeeded in a bostile takeover bid for BET. This resulted in the creation of one of the world's biggest service companies. It has interests ranging from damp proofing and pot plants

Andrew Buurman



OUTLOOK

The West Country and south Wales will have heavy rain this morning and this will spread into north Wales and north-west England. The extreme east of England will have sunny spells until evening, but after a bright start, the Midlands and much of southern England will become more cloudy with rain later this after Northern keland will also have outbreaks of heavy rain this afternoon. Scotland will have a mix of sunshine and showers, most of the showers in the west.

**NEXT FEW DAYS** 

Northern Scotland will have rain tomorrow and will become quite breezy by the end of the day. Elsewhere it will be showery. However, brighter weather will spread eastwards during the afternoon. Friday will be drier everywhere with ome sunshine in the south. The north will be cool and showery, but it will become more settled across the whole country for the weekend. Most parts will have sunshine and only isolated showers.



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# Low sex drive and nearly extinct. Can cloning save the panda from itself?

BY TERESA POOLE in Peking

(H) INDEPENDENT

CHINESE SCIENTISTS are hoping to clone the giant panda, in the latest effort to save the much-loved species from extinction. An ambitious project will attempt to produce a cub by planting the nucleus of a panda cell into an egg from another species. The embryo would then be implanted into the female of the second species, which could in theory give birth to a panda cuh.

Chen Dayuan, the project leader at the Chinese Academy of Science's laboratory of fertilisation biology in Peking, exined why he was attempting the more difficult "transspecies" cloning rather than the "intra-species" method used successfully to clone Dolly the sheep. With only 1,000 pandas left in the world, it is not feasible to use panda eggs, which cannot easily be harvested from living females. The latter are also very infertile, with oestrus occurring only ooce a year, and only 10 per cent of females actually coming into season.

Sun Qmgyuan, one of the project's researchers, yesterday said the team had identified potential host animal species, but that this information was secret. Asked if panda cloning was really a possibility, Mr Sun said: "No one knows. We are trying to do the work of panda cloning, but we don't know when we will have success."

The project started after the Chinese scientists read reports about Dolly the sheep, cloned in 1996 at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Mr Sun said the team was following research in the United States on "transspecies" cloning. So far, the Chinese project is still at a preliminary stage.

Mr Sun said the team had successfully taken a mouse cell nucleus and transplanted it into a rabbit egg. Experiments had produced a blastocyst (the early stage of an embryo) which had started to divide. But the project had yet successfully to implant an embryo into a rabbit, or

After we have finished doing the work with the small animals, we will start work with the panda cells, hopefully in the second half of the year." Mr Sun said.

We will take cells from a panda and transfer the oucleus into a denucleated egg from another species. We still have not decided which is a good species to use ... We have several candidates, but this is secret. The gestatioo period should be imilar, about 80 days."

He said they would definitely use a mammal, and "it should be a big animal". The cub would be a pure panda as all the genetic information would have come from the panda cell nucleus.

The possible cloning of giant pandas is only the latest attempt by China artificially to improve the animal's chances of survival, Last August, scientists at the Laboratory of Genetic and Embryo Engineering oo Endangered Wildlife in Sichuan province achieved the world's first test-tube in-vitro fertilisation of a panda egg. Unfortunately, high carbon-dioxide levels in a faulty incubator killed the egg after 10 hours.

The Sichuan laboratory now plans to do further experiments on other large rare animals. such as the black bear, which are more easily available than the giant panda. If these are successful, eggs will be taken from living pandas who have lost the ability to bear cubs. The difficulty



nda, one of just 1,000 estimated by China to be left in the wild

Distribution of pandas Before 2000 years ago Most of the last 2000 year Current TIBET

will be to find a panda female to incubate the test-tube embryo.

China estimates that there are only about 1,000 giant pandas left, most of whom live in the western provinces of Sichuan and Gansu. Poaching for the skins and most crucially, the destruction of the animal's bamboo habitat have taken a huge toll on the population in receot years. Since 1949, onethird of the forest cover in Sichuan has been felled. The lack of bamboo "corridors" also means that pandas have been living in isolated groups

containing as few as 10 members, which are then weakened through inbreeding.

China is stepping up efforts to restore the panda's natural habitat, but scientists are increasingly attracted to a more high-tech approach. Some Western scientists have criticised this trend, saying that long-term survival will depend on basic en-vironmental protection, not on laboratory experiments.

Mother Nature also seems to

have stacked the odds against panda conception. They have a notoriously low sex-drive, and

prefer to spend 14 hours a day munching hamhoo. The females are fertile just once a year, for about 72 hours, and the males have a small organ and a low sperm count.

China has already invested enormous effort into artificial breeding programmes in zoos, but with very limited success. More than 90 per cent of zoo males have proved unable to mate. Artificial insemination is routinely practised but since 1953 only 24 captive females have given hirth.

Pandas are also clumsy mothers, with a habit of squashing the tiny cub in its early days. A new-born cuh weighs only around 4.5oz, and is so underdeveloped it is more like a foetus. It has oo sight, hearing or speech, and is usually suckled for a full six months. China, well aware of international interest in the protection of the giant panda, has scored some notable successes. A panda who gives birth to twins will oormally abandon one of them. At Peking Zoo, after twins were born in 1992 through artificial insemination, keepers for the first time succeeded in hand-rearing a cub without it drinking its mother's milk. Yong Liang spent his first five months with humans. By the time be could survive on normal food, he had learnt to imitate his human keepers, and was terrified when introduced to another panda.

### THE DOLLY EFFECT

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BY JEREMY LAURANCE and MICHAEL MCCARTHY

IF THE Chinese are success ful in the trans-species cloning of a giant panda it would mark a world first. No one has yet succeeded in cloning an embryo from one species and fooling another into providing a womh in which it can grow.

Separate parts of the process have been achieved, so theoretically it should be possible. But experts were doubtful yesterday. Dr Rohin Lovell-Badge, head of the laboratory of developmental genetics at the National Institute for Medical Research, said cloning mechanisms were still little understood. "It's an idea but I would be cautious," he said.

To succeed, the Chinese scientists would oeed to combine two procedures. First, they would have to repeat the process achieved with Dolly the sheep, by cloning a giant panda from an adult cell. This would involve taking the oucleus of the cell and placing it in an egg of another species probably a bear - which had the nucleus removed.

To overcome the likelihood that the altered embryo would he rejected by the uterus of its intended mother, the next stage would involve growing the resulting embryo in the test tube until the eight-cell stage and theo mixing it with an unaltered embryo from the mother bear to form a chimera.

This technique was sucessfully used a decade ago by a Dutch team to fool sheep into giving birth to goats and goats into giving birth to sheep. The resulting animals were a genetic mix of sheep and goats. However, it might be possible to produce a pure example of a species by careful mixing of the embryos.



Dolly and Mr Jefferson, a calf cloned in Virginia, US

In its first few days, an embryo divides three times, doubling the number of cells and halving their size each time. When an eight-cell sheep embryo is mixed with a four-cell goat embryo, the smaller cells of the sheep tend to migrate to the middle forming the foetus while the larger cells of the goat migrate to the outside forming the placenta. The embryo can then be implanted into a goat, and the uterus will accept the goat placenta and nourish the embryo until it is

Dr Harry Griffin, assistant director of the Roslin Institute, Edinburgh, where

born as a sheep.

Dolly the sheep was cloned, said he was not aware of any attested case of cloning between different species. "The current belief is that across species, the egg would probably not implant properly. The embryo would he rejected," he said.

Stuart Chapman, International Conservation Officer for the World Wide Fund for Nature and Britain's leading expert on the giant panda, said: "This is just going to divert resources away from the field, where they are most oeeded ... If the giant panda is going to survive, it will be in the wild and not in some test-tube in some laboratory."

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# Girl violence on the increase

TEENAGE girls will commit more acts of violence against others than teenage boys in 10 years' time, according to a study which says 80 per cent of girls have been involved in

The dark side of girl power increasingly turning to violence because they feel they are given more respect if they are able to take care of themselves and put other girls in their

Punching, kicking and glassing" their opponents was ecoming more common but girls do not see that their femminity is compromised by such raits, said Antoinette Hardy speaking at the Psychology Postgraduate Affairs Group

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conference at Derby University. Instead, they see it as a way of asserting their independence

and maintaining their image. Ms Hardy told the psycholmeans that young women are ogists that the number of girls imprisoned for violence against the person had gone up by more than 40 per cent 1991-96. Projections to 2008 suggest more teenage girls aged 14-17 will be imprisoned for acts of vi-

olence than adolescent boys. Ms Hardy interviewed 40 female college students aged 14-18 from the Midlands and found four fifths had been involved in at least one physical fight. The vast majority were against people who were not members of

their own family. Girls report-ed punching, kicking, using baseball bats and even "glassing" their opponent and said that such behaviour was expected of them.

Only a quarter of them expressed and remorse or guilt after the fight, with 15 per cent saying that it made then feel happy or high as a result of fighting. "These actions were very much male-orientated behaviour rather than traditional female behaviour," said Ms Hardy. "I think it is indicative of the social change over the last two decades where women are realising they do not have

to play a subservient role hut

can be independent. They do

not wish to become male but emulate some male behaviour.

wanted to look butch. They were very ordinary, pretty females, traditional-looking girls who want to protect their image.'

Several of the girls interviewed cited the need to be able to take care of themselves", "to protect their image" and "to prove themselves better than the rest" as the main reasons for not only their own aggressive and sometimes violent behaviour hut also for the increase in adolescent female fighting in general.

"In many cases, if being assertive of verbally aggressive fails, they are quite willing to resort to physical violence to achieve their objectives," said

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# Trainee sent home patient who killed

A MENTALLY ILL patient mur- BY GLENDA COOPER dered his wife only 24 hours after being sent home from hospital by a junior doctor two

A health authority yesterday admitted "serious inadequacies" in the care of Peter Hor- killing. rod from Norfolk who battered with a hammer, cut her throat pillow in May 1995.

He had been admitted to Gorleston, Norfolk, after taking an overdose only four days after leaving a psychiatric hospital. But he was sent home in a taxi at 2.30am when a junior doctor decided that it was not necessary to readmit him.

morning, Horrod killed his wife whom he had cared for since Social Affairs Correspondent

eight years earlier. A volunteer weeks into her psychiatric carer who was staying the training, an inquiry has found. night "the Horrods' home because of her concern for the couple, woke up to witness the

Horrod, a painter and decohis disabled wife Brenda, 60, rator, was ordered to be detained indefinitely under the and then suffocated her with a Mental Health Act in December 1995 after admitting manslaughter on the grounds of dithe James Paget Hospital at minished responsibility. A psychiatrist told the court that Horrod was pathologically

> The decision to send Horrod home was made by Dr Louise Santori, a trainee GP who was on a three month psychiatric report, commissioned by Norfolk Health, the east Norfolk

had made no attempt to contact — recognised the gravity of the rethe on-duty consultant psychiatrist, whose advice would have been readily available.

"The panel's view was that, had the consultant on duty been contacted, he would have said that Peter should have heen at least admitted overnight until a full assessment could be carried out."

Poor record keeping, lack of planning to ensure monitoring of patients once they were discharged, and inadequate liaison with other agencies meant that information was not always exchanged between clinical staff.

the report said.

The report contains 15 recommendations, which includes giving junior hospital doctors who undertake psychiatric placements appropriate train-

David Walker chief executive health authority, said Dr Santori of Norfolk Health, said he port and the seriousness of its

"The report highlights a number of serious inadequacies. in the services Peter Horrod received from the NHS." he said. "We recognise the gravity of the report and the seriousness of its findings and the implications for the care of mentally-ill patients."

Horrod's son, John 31 said he was "horrified" to learn of Dr Santori's inexperience. He added that doctors knew that his father was potentially violent but had ignored family cries for help and insisted: "We are doctors, we know best."

Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of the mental health charity Sane, said it was like a junior pilot with two weeks experience of flying big jets being put in sole charge of a jumbo-jet packed with holiday-



Microlight pilot Brian Milton being greeted by his daughter Jade on touching down at Brooklands airfi Surrey yesterday at the end of his record 120-day, 23,000-mile round-the-world journey Tim Ockend

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# **U-turn** over Lockerbie trial abroad

IN A major policy shift on BY RUPERT CORNWELL Lockerbie, Britain and the United States are moving towards agreement that the two Libyans charged with the bombing of PanAm flight 103 may be tried in a third country as long urged by the victims families and demanded by the Libyan leader, Colonel Milam

mar Gaddafi. Initially, the Government denied any decision had been taken to allow the trial to go ahead in The Hague, and insisted its policy remained that the two suspects face a court in Scotland or the US, which-Colonel Gaddafi refuses. But, senior Foreign Office of-

been explored and that while a third country trial was not the best outcome, "our overall goal is to get the two before justice". Almost simultaneously in the Madeleine Albright met reprethe American victims. "They

are talking with the Dutch and looking into moving the trial," a participant said. Lamin Khalifah Fhimah and Adbei Basset al-Megrahi, said to be Libyan intelligence

agents, were accused in November 1991 of planting the bomb which killed 270 people in the worst terrorist incident in British history, But Colonel Gaddafi refused to release them, saying they would not get a fair trial in either Britain or the US.

Since then the two counarray of international sanc-

AND STEPHEN GOODWIN

tions, including a ban on air travel to Libya. But this strategy is crumhling amid increasing opposition from Arab. and African states, with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt the most prominent of several foreign visitors of late to visit. Colonel Gaddafi.

With the new approach, London and Washington hope to regain the imitative. They reckon that even the promise of a trial conducted in a third country under Scottish procedure. presided by a Scottish judge and with an international panel ficials said, other options had of judges instead of a jury, will probably not persuade the Libyan leader to hand over the suspects.

But even if he refuses, they calculate, it will be far more dif-Secretary of State ficult for the Arab League and the Organisation of African sentatives of the families of Unity which put forward such a compromise, to back out of sanctions. It will also heal an embarrassing and painful rift with the families themselves.

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Anxious above all for justice almost 10 years after the tragedy, the victims' relatives have grown increasingly frustrated at Britain and America's refusal to go along with what has seemed the only realistic means of securing a trial.

Jim Swire, spokesman of the British Lockerbie relatives who lost his daughter Flora in the bombing said yesterday he was delighted. This a major tries have sought to force the step forward in our search for Libyan leader to comply with an truth and justice," Dr Swire

# Top chef quits to seek stars

CHEF GORDON Ramsay is to BY SIMEON TEGEL quit the top London restaurant Aubergine to set up his own eaterie.

Ramsay is making the move from the Fulham restaurant in pursuit of his ambition to achieve a third Michelin star, the culinary world's highest accolade.

The former Glasgow Rangers footballer, who recently turned down an opportunity to be the official chef to the Scotland squad during the World Cup, will open the 40seat restaurant bearing his own name in Chelsea in September

He said: "I have enjoyed five fantastic years at Aubergine

but I feel that now is the time to move on.

third Michelin star and I believe the new restaurant will achieve this goal."

Famous for his short fuse, Ramsay, 32, was recently reported to have ended his feud with his equally tempestuous rival Marco Pierre

Ramsay has resigned from the board of A-Z Ltd - the company that owns Aubergine, where he has been for the past five years.

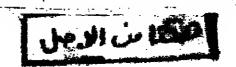
The chef is regarded as one of the best young talents in the restaurant business.

Aubergine has been noforious in London for the length of its waiting list - with prospective diners having to wait up to "My amhition is to obtain a three months for a table."

# DAVID STEEL

'The Liberal Democrats certainly don't to see the Blair/Ashdown axis become entrenched. Coalition this side of a general election is out of the question

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Licensing reform: Government advisors call for fundamental changes to "Victorian" licensing laws

# Pubs could soon be open day and night

BRITONS COULD be allowed to BY GLENDA COOPER drink all day and all night in the cities, if recommendations from a Government task force are taken on board. In its report, the Better Regulation Task Force said ministers should call time on present "Victorian" licensing laws as there was a need for undamental reform".

Christopher Haskins, chairman of the task force, said present laws meant that when drinkers leave pubs at 11pm there was a "liceuce for trouble" and all pubs should be able to stay open until midnight unless they caused a nuisance to local communities.

The Home Office said yesterday that it was carrying out its own review into licensing laws and the task force's suggestions would be "considered and responded to".

Speaking at the publication of the report, Lord Haskins said that the 'high moral tone' contained in the present legislation was not in tune with today's society. In particular, closing puls at 10,30pm on Sundays was viewed by many

While drinking laws were radically revised in 1988 when cences be passed over to local all-day drinking was introduced, some laws still date back to at-

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Closing time in other EU countries:

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War to curb drunkenness in vital munitions factories.

"Putting everybody out on the streets at 10.30pm just means that in the previous 45 minutes people drink too much." said Lord Haskins.

He said more flexibility was needed. "In the West End of London It seems quite reasonable to me for pubs to stay open 24 hours a day, but if it was in remote Wiltshire a pub with hugles blowing throughout the night would cause a nuisance."

The group called on the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, to initiate a thorough shake-up in the law standardising the two main forms of licence - for pubs and off-licences - and thereby losing many of the 40 different licences available.

They are also asking for licences to be transferable so that a person granted one could run premises anywhere in England and Wales. The present system is administered by magistrates but the task force recommends that the power to grant liquor liauthorities. With the growth of large pub chains around the tempts during the First World country the group also sug-

5 or 6am (with police permission)

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often up to 4am in Edinburgh

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and the World Cup." But Alcohol Concern said THE EUROPEAN WAY

gested there should be "corporate responsibility", where a company and not only the managing licensee would be responsible for regulating the

The task force proposed no major review of the age limits but said that the age of 18 should not necessarily be a watershed. Café bars or restaurants which were marketed to attract the family could have different age restrictions than a club or pub targeted at adults.

The recommendations were welcomed by licensees and businesses, "We are very nleased that they have given a thumbs-up to a new way of looking at the situation," said Tim Hampson, spokesman for the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association, which represents more than half of the 60,000 pubs in the UK.

Stepben O'Brien, chief executive of the business campaign group, London First, "The current liquor licensing regime is hampering the ability of our cities to compete internationally. It restricts choice for visitors ... and limits our ability to hid for major events such as the Olympics

that while they did not necessarily have a problem with more flexibility, more work must be done: "At the moment no one knows what impact this would have," said a spokesman.

And Paul Chantler, owner of the Frog & Rosbif chain in France warned that longer opening bours were not necessarily good news for publicans, "You have much higher running costs because you are working 14-hour days so you employ more staff. And I don't believe that people drink more or spend more with longer



Drinking in the Balans bar in Sobo, London, where customers would welcome 24-hour opening time as 'better for everyone'

# Soho toasts prospect of later hours

TWENTY-FOUR-hour drinking By DIANA BLAMIRES would revolutionise the lagerlout mentality in Britain rather than breeding a nation of alcobolics, if the customers at a late night bar in Soho are to be believed.

Balans bar in London already serves alcohol between 11am and 3am and would open all day and all night if the rules changed.

Extended hours would simply enable British drinkers to stop bingeing says Joe Laniado. 35, a customer from west London. "Europeans can't believe bow drunk people get Shops never used to open on here. They would no longer Sunday and now it is the norm.

feel the need to go out and drink as much as possible between 7.30pm and 11.30pm and get absolutely legless," he said.

England's drinking habits are "archaic" according to 31year-old Ian Painting, from Sydney. He added: "It won't encourage people to become alcobolics. Just because it's available it doesn't mean everyone will take it to extremes.

"I don't go out until 9pm. It means you can't carry on drinking after you've had a meal.

A time will come when every- the centre from outside London one will be able to drink 24- and miss the last bus you hours-a-day seven days a week and no one will bat an eyelid."

For clubbers, England's drinking laws are a blight on the evening, says 25-year-old Craig Gordon from Glasgow: "When you come out of a club at 4am you want to go somewhere for a drink. We work long hours these days so we should be able to play for longer." .

Soho resident Shona Mc-Donald, 33, believes that locals ought to be given double-glazing if 24-hour drinking is allowed but she acknowledges 11pm to have late drinking. It the need. "If you have come into is a great inconvenience be-

cause the customers think we are money-grabbing. They should be able to just bang out often don't understand wby we until the morning - you can't behave to charge and get quite cause nowhere is open."

There is nobody who would

like 24-hour drinking more than David Taylor, owner of Balans bar, who resents the lengths he has to go to for a late licence. "You have to go through so many hoops just to offer a late

drink," said Mr Taylor, who believes all-day drinking would make life easier for licensees. the public and the police.

midnight and want to have breakfast and a drink we should be able to provide that. It would be better for the police. In Soho there are a lot of illegal drinking dens, but if the police close "I have to charge £3 after them down they just open up again. This would make things

"People work round the

clock these days, especially in

Sobo with all the media com-

nanies, so we need to cater for

that. If people finish work at

better for everyone.

# Police follow up fresh lead in case of Suzy Lamplugh

DETECTIVES investigating the By IAN BURRELL disappearance of the estate agent Suzy Lamplugh are following up a new lead. Scotland Yard said yesterday.

Miss Lamplugh, 25, went missing on 28 July 1986 after leaving her office in Fulham. west London, to meet a client called Mr Kipper. She was never seen again and her body has never been found.

"We have received certain information from a member of the public relating to the disappearance of Suzy Lamplugh," a Scotland Yard spokeswoman said. "We will follow up that information in the same way we would follow up any new information. The investigation into the disappearance of Miss Lamplugh is still open."

It is understood that detectives are examining links between the disappearance of Miss Lamplugh and attacks

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link to cancer

Home Affairs Correspondent

on several other women believed to be the victims of a

The Lamplugh inquiry was eventually scaled down because, despite an unprecedented operation to trace her, police were never able to establish what happened to her after she left ber office.

Miss Lamplugh worked for a branch of the Sturgis estate agents. After she disappeared her car was found near the house where she had been to meet a client.

A nationwide search was launched and reported sightings flooded in from all over the

Several suspects were questioned, including John Cannan. who is serving a life sentence for the murder of the

Lamplugh: 12-year riddle

newly married sales manager Shirley Banks. Cannan, 37, a Bristol car dealer, has always protested his innocence of the Lamplugh killing and police officers have stressed their belief that there was no concrete evidence linking him with Miss Lamplugh.

writer Christopher Berry-Dee claimed that Michael Sams, who murdered the prostitute Julie Dart and kidnapped the property consultant Stephanie Slater, also killed Miss Lamplugh, but the theory was discounted by police.

Miss Lamplugh was offi-cially declared dead in 1994. Thanks largely to the determination of her mother, Diana, the case has remained in the public consciousness.

Five months after her daughter's disappearance, Mrs Lamplugh founded the Suzy Lamplugh Trust to campaign for better protection for young people against sexual and other violence. A statement yesterday from the trust said: "Whilst it would be a relief to know exactly what happened to Suzy, the family now focuses its activities on ensuring other people do not A 1995 book hy the crime suffer the same fate."

# IN BRIEF

### Mortar attack on police fails TERRORISTS last night failed in their attempt to launch a

mortar bomb attack on a police station in Northern Ireland. While they managed to fire one mortar, the device exploded just feet from a van from which police believe it was launched. No one was hurt in the attack at Newry, Co Down which happened sbortly after 5pm. While there was no warning prior to the attack there was speculation last night dissident republicans were responsible. There was an attempted car bomb attack in Newry eight days ago.

### Radio warned of 'wind-up' calls

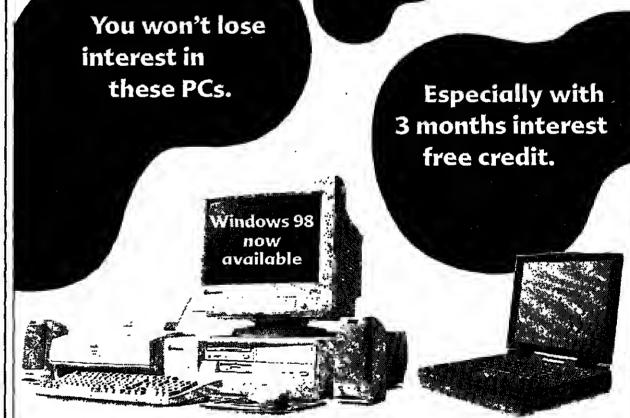
RADIO WATCHDOGS warned stations about the dangers of wind-up" calls yesterday after falling victims to a prankster DJ themselves. Steve Jackson, of Kiss FM, in London, was ticked off by the Radio Authority for broadcasting an anonymously made call to his station's offices.

### WPC says fitness test was unfair MICHELLE THOMAS, 31, who is claiming indirect sexual

discrimination against the Metropolitan police, told an industrial tribunal in Norwich that the fitness test she took to become a doghandler, and failed, was unfair.

### Families reel from wrong dinosaur

A FAMILY visit to a cinema in Bury ended in chaos when a projectionist's mistake resulted in customers seeing the antics of the adult comedian Roy Chubby Brown rather than Barney's Great Adventure, about a singing dinosaur.



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next generation by causing damage to sperm cells, scientists have found. the offspring of those exposed to radiation were nearly twice as likely to develop leukaemia ing chemical as those whose male parents were not exposed to radiation.

The finding by scientists in Manchester may reopen the debate about the risks to nuclear power workers. It adds to the growing evidence that leukaemia is the result of a "double hit" – initial damage caused by radiation which increases vulnerability to a second attack, such as infection with a virus, triggering the

The new study by a team at

EXPOSURE TO radiation can in- By JEREMY LAURANCE **Health Editor** 

the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research shows that in mice exposed to low levels of radiation an increased vulnerahility is passed down the generations - but the cancer only developed if they were subjected to a second trigger.

Brian Lord, who led the research team, said the findings. published in the British Journal of Cancer, did not explain the cluster of leukaemia cases found around the Sellafield nuclear plant in Cumbria. "But what it does show us,

for the first time, is a potential way in which paternal irradiation can lead to an increase in leukaemia risk for the next generation. It shows us how DNA defects can be passed from generation to generation."

# Ashdown's quiet army marches into Labour's corridors of power

PADDY ASHDOWN faced criti- By Fran Abrams cism from within his party last night as senior Liberal Democrats became increasingly anxious that their leader was heading for a coalition with

As members gathered in a Ashdown's 10th anniversary as leader, Lord Steel said such a move would be unthinkable within the next few years.

Writing in today's Independent, the former Liberal leader says Mr Ashdown should act with caution. 'The party certainly doesn't wish to see the Blair/Ashdown axis becoming entrenched. Coalition this side of a PR (proportional representation] general election is nut of the question," he says.

Little more than a decade ago, while David Steel was leader, many of those involved in the realignment of British politics - the Liberal Democrats' forerunners the Social Democratic Party (SDP) - were trying to smash the Labour Party. Today, some of them work in Downing Street and others have easy access to the corridors of power.

Mr Ashdown's recent demands for a cahinet post have been less than subtle. "I intend to make sure that this party continues under my leadership ... to make sure that we go through this Parliament and make sure that we deliver this party into government," he said last weekend.

Pre-election, such words would have been dismissed as the empty posturing of a thirdparty leader. But now they have a very different ring.

Just six weeks after last year's general election hostilities drew to a close, Mr Ashdown had dinner in Downing Street with Tony Blair and Peter Mandelson Also present was Lord (Roy) Jenkins, a former Labour chancellor and first leader of the SDP. It was said that Mr Blair spelled out a plan to reunify the centre left and put the Tories in permanent opposition,

Since then Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown have cemented their friendship, Lord Jeakins, who acts as intermediary for them, has been put in charge of a commission on electoral reform. Mr Liddle was an adviser to

AND ANDREW MULLINS

Before Labour's first 100 days were up, Mr Blair had announced the formation of a junt cabinet committee bethe two parties. For the London hotel to celebrate Mr Liberal Democrats, Mr Ashdown attends with his close aide Lord Holme, home affairs spokesman Alan Beith and his foreign affairs spokesman Menzies Campbell. For Labour, Mr Blair attends with Mr Mandelson, minister without portfolio. and various other ministers, often including the Home Secretary, Jack Straw.

But such formal links do not tell the whole story. Quietly, the old enmity between Labour and those who deserted it in the early Eighties for the SDP is being smoothed away.

Lord (Tom) McNally, a former Labour MP whn defected and later became a Liberal Democrat peer, is a close adviser to Mr Ashdown and a key figure in the process. He was political adviser to former prime minister James Callaghan between 1976 and 1979.

Lord Taverne was a Labour minister under Harold Wilson before quitting in 1972 and joining the SDP in 1981, is sympathetic to Labour although unlikely to join again. "They are too right wing for me now," he explains. "Of course a lot of us in the Liberal Democrats are talking to Labour people. Why not? It's good, sensible stuff."

Lord Rodgers, who as Bill Rodgers was one of the original "Gang of Four" who set up the SDP has long been an advocate of closer links with Labour. Even Baroness (Shirley) Williams, who has warned that the Liberal Democrats must not exchange their key policies for "a handful of government posts", believes that Mr Ashdown is "absolutely right" to open the door to closer links.

The process is even going on inside No 10. Two of Tony Blair's advisers, Roger Liddle - recently caught up in the cash-for-access scandal - and Andrew Adonis, defected from the Liheral Democrats to Labour three years ago.

Other old friendships hold



established a good relationship and speak regularly. Soon Lord Jenkins and Peter Mandelson. Blair proposed a centre left alliance to keep Tories out of power for decades. Jenkins Commission on electoral reform Lord Jenkins, Lord

Alexander of Weedon (Con) Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Lab), Sir John Chilcntt (former Cilvil servant) David Lipsey political jnurnalist sit nn committee to produce recommendations to change the voting system. Due to report in late October.

THE LIB LAB FAMILY Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown The two leaders have after last year's election they had dinner at No 10 with LIBERAL **DEMOCRATS** 

Joint Cabinet Committee

Paddy Ashdown, Alan Beith, Lord Holme and Menzies Campbell attend for Lib Dems with Tony Blair, Peter Mandelson and other Minhous on no ation. Set up last year, committee meets Downing Street to discuss legislation both parties can

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Lord (Dick) Taverna says he is happy in talk in Labour but unlikely to rejoin party he left pecause Labour is now too right wing.

Baroness (Shirley) Ashdown is "absolutely right" to open door to closer links with Labour

Scotland, Donald Dewar, keeps

up his links with Mr Campbell,

with whom he studied law at

Glasgow in the Sixties. John

Smith, the late Labour leader.

was a close university friend.

In the early Nineties. Mr

Liddle set up Prima Europe

with Richard Holme (now Lord

Mr Rodgers when he was

transport secretary in the late

Seventies. He was a Labour

councillor in Lambeth with Mr

Mandelson hetween 1979 and

1982 before joining the SDP. In

1996, restored to Labour, be

wrote The Blair Revolution

with Mr Mandelson.

Roger Liddle Two advisers, Roger Liddle and Andrew Adonis were in the SDP.

The Glasgow Connection Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, was on the same law course at Glasgow with Menzies Campbell. Also there, in the early 1960s, was Labour leader John Smith. They friends.

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Draper, a former aide to Mr

Mandelsoo and another central

figure in the cash-for-access af-

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Newby, Lord Holme's deputy in

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former Labour MP, defected to SDP in 1981 Chairman of GPC Market Access, former chairmen of Prima Europe, Roger Liddle and Derek Draper were shareholders. John Dickle MD, GPC Market Access, Former Liberal Democrat councillor defected to labour in 1995 with Lord (Dick) Newby Dir Matrix Communications, nined SDP in 1981. Dep Ch Liberal Democrats

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1997 Campaign Andrew Gifford Founder, GJW Government Relations. Former adviser to Lord (David) Steel.

Lord (David) Sainshury bankrolled both the SDP and Mr Draper's Progress maga-

zine before becoming a Labour peer last year. And Sir Ian Wrigglesworth, a former Labour MP and SDP defector, is now chairman of GPC. left the Liberal Democrats for Market Access.

College transfer market faces curbs

Education Correspondent

MEASURES TO curb a footballstyle transfer market in top research academics were

announced yesterday. Academics fear staff poaching has increased because of the four-yearly Research Assessment Exercise, under which university departments are graded for their work.

They fear some universities may try to "buy in" talent to improve their ratings and secure extra funding.

Elite academics can command salaries of anything up to £100,000 as universities vie to improve their reputation and secure high research ratings, which help them win a bigger slice of government grants worth £800m a year. Yesterday officials from the

Higher Education Funding Council for England proposed measures to "damp down" the market in top academics for the next assessment in 2001 and ordered more research into the problem.

Under the scheme, universities which lose a top researcher up to a year before the assessment would still be able to claim their work as evidence of the quality of their old department

David Pilshury, head of research at the council, insisted the problems was small. He said: "It's not that this does not exist: it's just relatively small."

Estimates suggest around 2 per cent of academic joh changes are prompted by research assessment. But Mr Pilsbury said it was difficult to isolate the effect of research assessment from the normal movement within the academle world.

Paul Cottrell, assistant general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, said: "This transfer market has been stimulated by previous research assessment exercises. It adds nothing to the global sum of research quality in - Review, page 54 universities and colleges."

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# ITV puts on a show to attract middle classes

BY PAUL MCCANN Media Editor

ITV LAUNCHED its autumn programme season vesterday with an undisguised attempt to hring the viewing "middle

classes" back to the channel. Britain's biggest commercial broadcaster hopes that the lineup of dramas and factual programmes will help to rid the broadcaster of its working-class image. It also plans a multi-million pound advertising campaign and new logo that will hring its audience more in line with modern Britain.

The channel will air a version of Laurie Lee's Cider with Rosie, starring Juliet Stevenson and adapted by John Mortimer, that would look more at home on BBC 2. It has also signed up the American travel writer Bill Bryson to host a television version of his best-selling book Notes from a Small Island.



last year's election and director

old-stagers, though. Andrew

Adonis was, in the early Eight-

ies, a friend at Oxford with

John Dickie, now a director of

GPC Market Access. The two

Labour on the same day.

Not all these characters are

of Matrix Communications.



dle-class audience include a gritty drama about the true story of Stefan Kiszko, the man freed in 1992 after wrongly serving 16 years for the murder of a child, and a lavish adaptation of CS Forester's classic maritime Hornblower stories.

ITV also has scriptwriters



Actress Juliet Stevenson and writer John Mortimer Other efforts to bring in a mid-

monitoring the Stephen Lawrence inquiry and plans to

make a film about the murder. David Liddiment, ITV's director of programmes, said the schedule was the start of a change in direction: "Our ambition is to get the demographics of the channel broadly in line with the demographics of

Britain. By 2003, something like 50 per cent of the country will be in the consumer group ABC1. Everybody thinks of ABC1s as having a big house, a Jag in the drive and a country club, hut that's not true. More and more they are the majority of Britain, so it is important to reflect their interests." Yet ITV has still to supply ad-

vertisers with mass audiences, so its schedule will also contain the lighter fare that the channel is famous for. Taking a leaf out of BBC 1's book, the channel has commissioned hours of "soap-doc" - fly-on-the-wall documentaries, and is tweaking old favourites, like You've Been Framed and Blind Date, to try to extend their lives.

"What we want to do is retain a loyalty to everybody," said Mr Liddiment yesterday. 'It's not just going up-market or going down-market, its about includ-

# **Bloody Sunday** subpoena move

A PENSIONS agency may be consider issuing subpoenas, subpoenaed by the Bloody Sur"It is very, very important is day inquiry in a bid to trace 20 soldiers who were near the spot where 14 civilians were shot dead by troops in Londonderry in 1972, trihunal chairman Lord Saville said

He was speaking at a preliminary hearing after Ian Burnett QC, for the Ministry of Defeoce, said the Data Prevention Act prevented the MoD releasing the names and addresses of the men, who were receiving army pensions.

Lord Saville said he and fellow inquiry members, former New Zealand judge Sir Edward Somers, and the former Chief Justice of New Brunswick in Canada, William Hoyt, would

"It is very, very important indeed that we move with the greatest possible speed to ascertain the whereabouts of the greatest number of soldiers who were in Derry that day," the chairman added. The preliminary hearing of

the Bloody Sunday Tribunal set up to investigate the killings and the wounding of 13 other civilians in Londonderry's Bogside area - ended yesterday in the city's Guildhalll.

Lord Saville said the trihunal would rule on Friday on issues raised during the hearing, including applications for anonymity and immunity from prosecution.

The full inquiry is expected to begin next February.

# Pop group woman 'too drunk to stand'

group Wet Wet Wet yesterday claimed his personal secretary became so "embarrassingly drunk" at work functions that she could not stand up.

On one occasion, claimed Elliot Davis, Maggi Meehan "harangued" him in front of a number of celebrities at a concert and was too drunk to tick guests' names off a list

"She was aggressive, desperate and arrogant but I would like to think I reasonably calmed her down," he told a tribunal in Glasgow.

Miss Meehan, 30. claims she was constructively dismissed by The Precious Organisation because of the behaviour of Mr Davis. He admitted she had been "the best PA I have

THE MANAGER of the pop ever worked with" but said there was another side to her that forced him to caution her about her behaviour.

"She has a temper and it caused her to be short with certain other staff. It may have been exacerbated hy what became a drink problem. She was shouting and swearing at. employees and coming in smelling of drink and being disruptive at events when she was representing the company."

Representing herself, Miss Meehan told the tribunal: "The softly spoken forms of Mr Davis today are not that of the gentleman whose employ I left last September. During the move to new premises, working conditions deteriorated so badly they became unbearable."

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# Britain in the dock over using oceans as a dumping ground

By Michael McCarthy in Sintra

College transfer market faces curbs

BRITAIN'S PAST and its consistent record of using the seas and oceans as a convenient dump will catch up with it here in Portugal today and tomorrow, when environment ministers from all over Europe gather to pledge a new deal on

The United Kingdom will be the nation principally in the dock at the first meeting of the Ospar convention for the protection of the marine environment in the north-east Atlantic, formed of signatories to a new legally binding treaty to keep the seas pollution-free from Gibraltar to the North Pole. Over three main issues - the

discharge of dangerous chemicals, the dumping of redundant oil rigs and above all radioactive discharges - Britain has spent much of the pre-conference negotiations at odds with the convention's other 15 member states. Now, as the ministers take over from the civil servants in this hill resort 15 miles outside Lisbon, some agreement is in sight - but only some.

Britain has dropped its objection to the proposal to phase out the discharge to the sea of hazardous substances, which as late as May, UK officials were characterising as "not currently practicable". Michael Meacher, the Environment minister, announced last week that Britain had agreed a time-frame of

stopping discharges by 2020. And Britain has also softened its stance on the dumping have come to the end of their

natural lives. Until last month, UK officials were still striving to keep the option of dumping large steel platforms, weighing more than 4,000 tons, in more

the international protests provoked by Shell's 1995 attempt to dump its redundant Brent Spar. Now Britain has agreed that all such platforms should be removed down to the "footings" - the bottom parts that rest on the sea bed - but argument is continuing over how many of those might be per-

mitted to remain. However, all this pales beside the looming clash over radioactive discharges and in particular over the future of Sellafield, in the sea of oil platforms that Britain's nuclear reprocessing plant on the Cumbrian coast,

The UK will come under intense pressure from the other states to halt the site's continuing emissions into the sea of radioactive isotopes such as than 75 metres of water, despite technetium-99, which are building up in fish and shellfish past European Union health limits,

and drifting as far as the coast

of Scandinavia. The Nordic countries, in particular, will de-

All the member states except Britain and France - the only other country with a nuclear reprocessing plant, at La Hague, near Cherbourg - want discharges brought "close to zero".

that halting discharges completely would mean closing Sellafield and its Thorp factory for reprocessing spent nuclear power station fuel - thus throwing more than 10,000 employees

in s depressed area out of work,

losing immensely profitable for-

a multi-hillion pound investment and a rich reserve of skill in nuclear technology.

Such a move hardly seems likely. It would need to be sanctioned by Tony Blair and by the Cabinet, some of whose members - such as Jack Cunning-

ture, Fisheries and Food and the local MP - would bitterly

However, a large dose of very public criticism will be directed towards the British government and in particular at John Prescott, the Deputy a rock and a hard place.

oppose it.

The nuclear reprocessing plant Sellafield, in

Prime Minister and the minister with responsibility for the environment. The Scandinavian environment ministers, led by Sweden's Anna Lindh, are likely to be direct in their attacks. And there lies the great irony of Sintra. For Mr Prescott, who returned a hero from last December's conference at Kyoto in Japan on climate change, is himself a long-time campaigner against nuclear pollution of the seas. A former seaman and still an enthusiastic diver, he made it a personal crusade as a backbench MP, dressing in a frogman's suit to hand in a letter of protest to Downing Street. And now be may be the man who will tell the rest of Europe that Sellafield's

discharges cannot be halted. He may find it appropriate to be up on the rocky hill where for 500 years the Portugese royal family took their ease. For at Sintra, for all his political definess, Mr Prescott may find himself well and truly wedged between

# Gene clue to child speech problems

By JEREMY LAURANCE Health Editor

CHILDREN WHO are slow to speak may be able to blame their genes, scientists have discovered. The capacity to use language, whether of the street or the ivory tower, is learnt, but its absence appears

A study of 3,000 pairs of twins born in 1994 shows that those who were slow to speak inherited their difficulty, suggesting that there are genes for language. In those whose language development was normal genes played a much smaller

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The discovery, by researchers at the Institute of Psychiatry, sparked immediate warnings from educationalists that it would lead to stigmatisation of affected children. But Professor Robert Plomin, the scientist leading the research, said that by identifying children with defective genes early on, remedial measures could be started to help them compen-

"It will be so much better and more efficient if we can predict at an early stage which children are likely to have language problems so that we can prevent them before they occur."

The speed at which children acquire language varies widely and is one of the commonest worries of parents.

Some two-year-olds know only a few words while others have vocabularies of many hundreds of words. It had been thought that the variation was due to environmental factors – especially how much parents talk to their children and the complexity of the language used. To determine whether this was so, the researchers contacted every pair of twins born in England and Wales in 1994 and sent a questionnaire to their parents two years later, of whom just under half replied.

The parents were asked to identify whether their twins

were identical - having the same genes - or non-identical, and to give information about their vocabularies. Vocabulary was estimated by identifying which words the child knew from a test set of 100 words.

The results, obtained by comparing differences between the identical and non-identical twins, showed that the contrihution of heredity to the acquisition of vocabulary was low for the population as a whole. Genes accounted for about 25 per cent of the differences, with the rest depending on environmental influences. But when the 5 per cent of the children who were the slowest speakers were separated out, the genetic influence was much stronger, accounting for 73 per

cent of the difference. Professor Plomin, whose study is published in Nature Neuroscience, said that not all children who were slow to talk had persistent language problems. Einstein had not talked before he was three.

The next stage of the re search would be to identify the genes responsible for language skills, and, using molecular techniques, find the genetic differences between children with persistent problems and those, like Einstein, with tem-

porary problems. "If we can find the genes which will predict which children will have persistent problems then we can look at interventions that might help

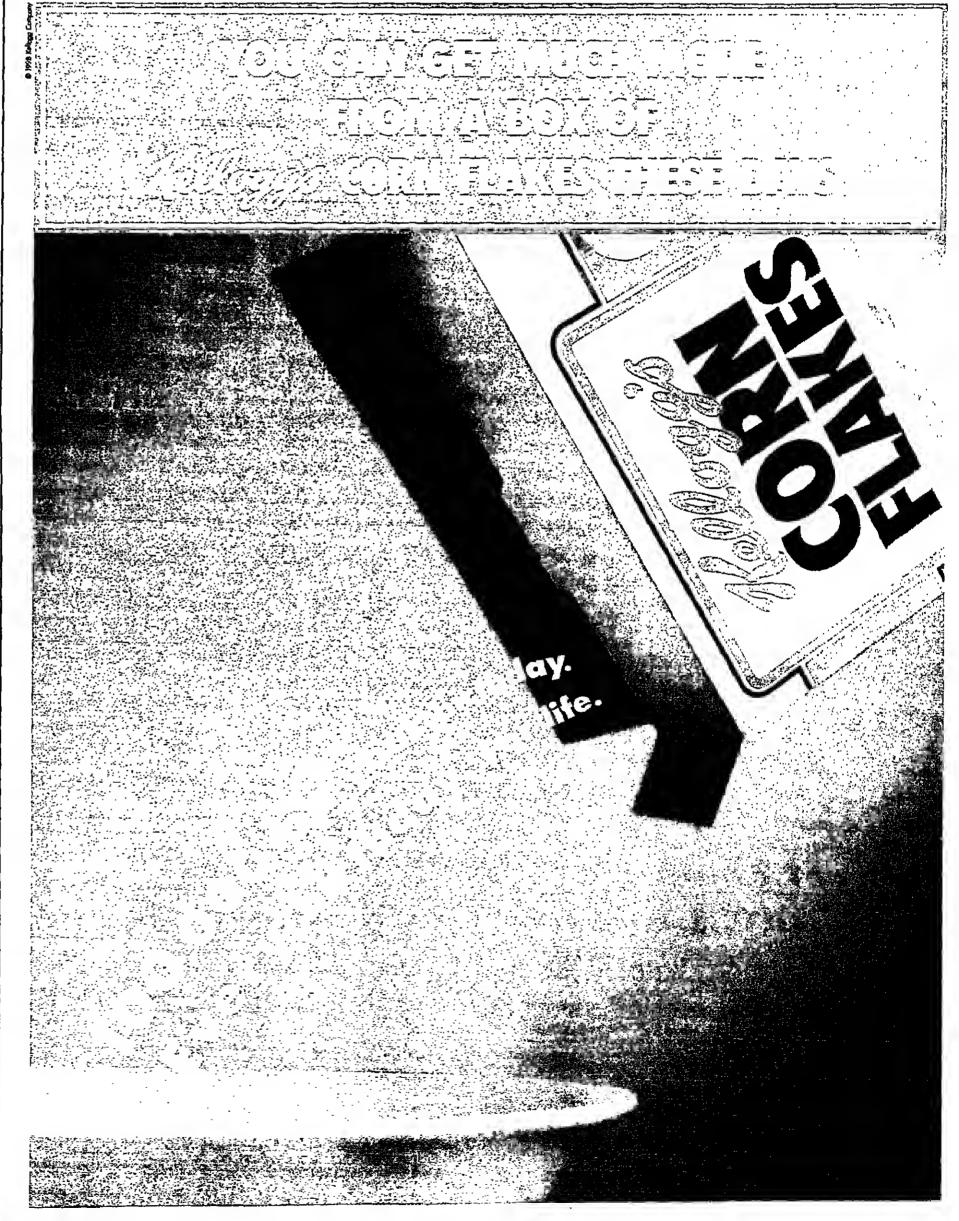
them," he said. He dismissed claims that the children would be stigmatised as spurious. "Kids with language problems are stigmatised anyway. Their friends can see that a child doesn't speak well. The issue of labelling and stigmatisation is a red herring."

Claims that differences in linguistic ability were due to environmental influences could be more damaging, he said, especially if parents blamed themselves rather than their heritage for their child's problems.

KEN LIVINGSTONE

'The real lesson for John Prescott from the GLC experience is that it pays to invest in public transport'

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# The old war horse makes the minister eat his words

Commons yesterday as we recovered our breath from the razzle-dazzle of John Prescott and prepared for the wind-down of politics.

These are dog days for MPs and the only excitement left, in late July. is the endless speculation regarding the date, dismissals and promotions associated with the forthcoming government reshuffle.

We kicked off with Scottish questions. The pace was gentle, nothing and nobody stirred, and most MPs were counting the days and dreaming of their summer holidays.

Then the assiduous Tam Dalyell (Lah, Linlithgow), relieved the boredom by reminding ministers

McLeish about the minister's implied suggestion recently that the Libyan suspects in the Lockerbie bombing case were guilty. Mr McLeish was forced, on the record, to acknowledge that "this was a slip of the tongue on my part in failing to refer to the two Libyans accused as the 'alleged perpetrators'. The Government is committed to a fair 'rial for the two Libyan suspects."

No minister with any commonsense or intelligence messes with Mr Dalyell, who is the antithesis of robotic control and who has probably accomplished more as a back-

IT WAS a slow day in the House of that, when they deal with him, bencher than most junior ministers there is no room for loose phrases. or careerists will ever achieve. He He asked the junior minister Henry pursues an issue until he gets an answer. Attempts to prevaricate merely ensure that he redoubles his efforts. He has pursued governments of both parties throughout his 36 years in Parliament on devolution, the Gulf and the Lockerbie bombing almost to the point of obsession. Misjudgements are made, however, by ministers and other MPs about Mr Dalyell. He is not obsessive but he has an insomething is not right.

After Scottish questions we moved to the minister representing the Lord Chancellor, Geoff Hoon. THE SKETCH



**BROWN** 

credible ability to smell a rat when Mr Dalyell had another question: How many officials are involved in legal matters relating to the destruction of Pan Am 103? Minister's answer: None. For most MPs that

Mr Dalyell, who was last night inifor their hang 'em, flog 'em brigade tiating his 15th Commons debate on to chew on. Under Willie Whitelaw's the subject.

It is nearly 10 years since the dreadful events of Lockerbie but I will lay odds that Mr Dalyell's time will come. He is an example to new MPs who will find that there is no joh satisfaction in simply parroting whips' office lines.

giving details of the way he intends to spend the largesse given to him by Gordon Brown last week

read out by any Conservative Home Secretary, except they would taxpayer £250m.

would be the end of the matter. Not have thrown in some raw red meat management it was the short, sharp shock. Under the Michael Howard regime it was the infamous

boot camps. I suspect that the Sir Humphreys of the Home Office, having seen it all before, simply dust off the same speech which every Home Secretary has been making for the past The relaxed pace continued with tary has been making for the past the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, 30 years and leave a space marked "Insert new minister'a wheeze and gimmick here". For Mr Straw it all centres on a "crime reduction strat-His statement could have been egy". All we really learnt yesterday was that this was going to cost the

It was all very worthy stuff and the Tory spokesman, the old warhorse Sir Norman Fowler, had the sense not to overdo his attack. He did, however, expose a problem which the Shadow Cabinet needs to resolve quickly which is fundamental to the way it approaches its opposition to the Government for the rest of this parliament. Their shadow Chancellor Francis Maude says the Government is being reckless with public expenditure whereas his fellow health, education, social security and home affairs spokesmen are all belittling ministers for spending less than the Tories. Mr Hague must grip this

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# Blair rallies MPs for reform

LABOUR PARTY BY COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR will use an endof-term pep talk to Lahour backbench MPs today to call for their support for radical reforms of housing henefit, legal aid and the state pension.

The Prime Minister will tell the MPs at the meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party in the Commons that the gains in public spending announced hy the Chancellor have to be matched by major reform.

He is keen to ensure they support the changes, which will involve hard-choices, after they cheered the extra spending. Underlying Mr Blair's remarks is a concern to avoid backbench revolts.

The Cabinet committee on welfare reform, which he chairs, met again this week in an attempt to make headway on the reform of housing beoefit, produce cuts that would be workable, and decisions have heen put off until the autumn.

William Hague, the Tory leader, told a conference in London yesterday that the spending statement was "the moment when the Chancellor signed the death warrant for this Government".

"He has done what the Prime Minister promised New Labour would never do and opened the floodgates on

public expenditure," he said. But Labour MPs are delighted by the package, and members of the left-wing Campaign Group, which has been critical of Mr Blair, said last night they would want to be

included in the celebrations. They will be given a further boost today with a statement by Hilary Armstrong, the local

government minister, on the

allocation of an additional £3.6bn over the next three years on repairs to 250,000 houses.

That will be the higgest council housing programme since the 1970s, but Ms Armstrong will emphasise that the mistakes of the Sixties and Seventies will have to he learned by the local councils.

The priority for councils will be the modernisation of houses and flats which are unoccupied. Many councils have up to 20 per cent of their housing property "void", and Ms Armstrong will tell the authorities they have to tackle the backlog.

In the long term, the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, is seeking Treasury approval to allow local authorities to borrow for further investment on their council-house rent flows....

The Government will announce plans next week to direct more money towards "beacon" councils, following initiatives with heacon schools but it is proving very difficult to and plans to establish beacon family doctor practices.

That could be controversial, because it will mean that some councils in the vanguard of modernising their delivery of services could get more than other authorities, which may be less adventurous hut dealing with more deprived areas.

The "beacon" authorities will be expected to spread best practice to other councils. The White Paper on local government to be published next week will also pave the way for radical ideas to encourage voters to take more interest in their local councils, including weekend polls and polling stations in supermarkets.

The Government is likely to say it will take up the idea of directly elected mayors, put forward by a backbench peer's Bill hut killed through lack of time by the Tories.



Lady Young: 'There is no moral equivalence hetween heterosexual and homosexual relationships' Tom Pilston

# Gay lobby faces a doughty fighter

BARONNESS YOUNG

BY COLIN BROWN

GAY ACTIVISTS will hold a vigil outside the House of Lords today in protest at attempts by peers led by Baroness Young, the former Tory cabinet minister, to reverse the Commons vote to reduce the age of consent for gay sex from 18 to 16.

Lady Young yesterday de-fended her stand, which could threaten the Government's flagship law and order measure, the Crime and Disorder Bill, if the Lords succeed in throwing out the Commons amendment. She said her move was backed by Lord Jakobovits, the former chief rabbi, cross-bench peers. and at least one bishop, who will travel from the Lambeth Conference at Canterbury to vote for her amendment.

Baroness Young rejected claims that there should be equality over the age of consent. "I do not believe there is a moral equivalence hetween heterosexual relationships and homosexual relationships," she

A small figure with a string of pearls, Lady Young, 72, is taking on the massive Labour majority of the House of Commons, and the leaders of the gay rights campaign, OutRage!, such as Peter Tatchell.

Lady Young smiled sweetly and showed no sign of being intimidated by the weight of the forces against her.

She is a doughty fighter, with a reputation for being a stickler for discipline. When she took over as Leader of the House of Lords, she made sure that all the ash travs were removed from her room, and kept the alcohol to a minimum. She never leaked a word about the Cabinet. There was general jubilation when "tin knickers", as she was known hy the press corps, was forced to make way for Lord Whitelaw, and the booze and fags

returned. Lady Young was the only woman to have been promoted. to the Cabinet by Lady Thatcher, who moved her to the Foreign Office under Geoffrey Howe, when room in the Lords had to be found for "Willie" Whitelaw.

She seemed to be the emhodiment of self-help Thatcherism, hut was given her life peerage by Edward Heath in 1971 after spending 15 years on Oxford City Council, eventually becoming its leader.

The daughter of an Oxford don, she was educated at the Dragon School, Oxford, predominantly a boys' school, where she played cricket and rugby, before going on to New Haven Connnecticut and St Anne's Oxford, where she read modern greats. Her main interest was in education. She earned a reputation for decisiveness as an education minister in Lady Thatcher's first years in office.

She is strongly motivated hy her Christian beliefs. In the House of Lords, she opposed the plans by the Major government for "quickie divorces", and voted against the age of consent being lowered from 21 to 18 in 1994. At her press conference yesterday she was flanked by two young men from the Christian Institute, who handed out a pamphlet called

"gay pressure on the young". Throughout her half-hour in front of the cameras, Lady Young avoided the use of the word "gay" and referred throughout to "homosexuals". Her family - she still lives in Oxford - is amazed at the publicity "gran" has generated by her stand against the lowering of the age of consent for gays.

She has three daughters and four grandsons, including one who is 16. Asked what she would tell her grandson if he was gay, she said: "I would use all my influence - I think it is the job of parents to say what they think about this - to dissuade them from getting involved in this kind of relationship."

### **OUESTIONS** AND

ANSWERS **Envoys scorn** 

parking law THE NUMBER of unpaid parking tickets issued to foreign diplomats was 2,480 at the end of last year compared with 1,674 in 1996, the Foreign Office minister Baroness Symons told Baroness Rendell of Babergh. The

10,000 wait

worst offender was

unpaid.

Turkey, with 97 tickets

MORE THAN 10,000 asylum-seekers have been waiting since 1995 for a decision on their applications, the Home Office minister Lord Williams of Mostyn told Lord Avebury.

Trade boost

TRADE BETWEEN Britain and China is to be boosted by extra aupport from the Department of Trade and Industry, the Trade minister Barbara Roche told Ben Chapman

# Labour 'prefers the press to parliament'

terday claimed that ministers were afraid of speaking in the House of Commons and preferred to make statements on the radio or through leaks. Alan Beith, the party's deputy leader, said: "With their present majority, why are they so insecure? I wonder whether counselling would help?"

He told MPs: "To the spin doctor, a leak is preferable to a statement which is questioned.

"When a government has such a large Commons majority there is a real danger that it will feel immune to censure if it oversteps the mark, whether by misleading Parliament or failing to inform it."

Mr Beith stressed the need for effective parliamentary scrutiny of the Government to ensure it was held to account.

Mr Beith attacked the Government for leaking statements to journalists - typically to "the hlessed Today programme",

Opening a Liberal Democrat debate on the relationship of the Government with embarking government to Parliament. Mr on a major constitutional change

THE LIBERAL Democrats yes- ACCOUNTABILITY BY DAISY SAMPSON

> Beith said ministers were obsessed with getting the story they wanted in the newspapers.

Mr Beith also attacked what he called the Government's dismissive attitude towards the Upper House. He said the Government was extraordinarily unwilling to recognise its recommendations. "This does not augur well for reform," he said.

The Government has been criticised for indulging in constitutional ping pong with the House of Lords, by refusing to accept an amendment on university grants in Scotland.

Ann Taylor, Leader of the House, dismissed Mr Beith's criticism. "Are you saying we have to accept every amendment from the Lords? That would be daft," she told him. "It is not undermining their

role to disagree with them on some amendments." Sir Patrick Cormack (C. Staffordshire South: charged

for the Lords without telling MPs what their "final destina-

He said: "The Lords has a legitimate revising role. It is important that it should be able to say: "think again'."

On lobbyists, Sir Patrick said: We should all be concerned about their growing power and influence. We should he the lobbyists. We are sent here by our constituents and it's entirely legitimate for them to expect us to lobby on their behalf."

Defending her cabinet colleagues from the Liberal Democrat charge of leaking statements, Mrs Taylor said that they tried to stick by the code of practice which instructs that important announcements should be made first to Parlia-

"It would be wrong for ministers to give details of important statements on the Today programme. But it is appropriate on occasions to give background hriefing. A lot of effort goes into trying to the balance right."

# Spies excused from openness

BY COLIN BROWN

THE SAS, MI6 and MI5 are to be excluded from new rights which will allow the public to demand the disclosure of government information upon paying a fee of £10.

David Clark, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, yesterday rejected a call by the Commons select committee on public administration, chaired by the Labour MP Rhodri Morgan, for the security and intelligence services to be excluded from the legislation.

Mr Clark said: "Freedom of information is about opening up Government but it is not about putting our security and defence at risk. Our Security and Intelligence Agencies and the Special Forces must be able to operate in complete confidence in order to carry out their duties effectively.

"We do not think that they would be able to do so if their operations and activities were subject to Freedom David Steel. Review. Page 5 | of Information legislation in Mottram.

the same way as the rest of the public sector," he said. Mr Clark denied that the forthcoming reshuffle would he used to water down the Freedom of Information Bill under pressure from other ministers, including Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, who has been arguing against allowing it to undermine the operations of

the police. Answering growing fears by senior Labour MPs that Mr Clark's departure from the Cabinet could weaken the legislation, he announced that the Bill will be published in draft form in September and said the whole of the Cabinet was signed up to the proposals laid out in the White Paper Your

Right to Know. ■ Mr Blair yesterday named Kevin Tebbit, the 52-year-old head of the listening centre. GCHQ, as the new permanent secretary at the Ministry of

Defence Mr Tebbit becomes the Ministry's top civil servant in succession to Sir Richard

# THE HOUSE



School Standards Bill passed

PEERS last night finally approved The School Standards and Framework Bill, which limits class sizes and sets up education action zones. The Lords had inflicted five government defeats on the measure but it was accepted after ministers accepted one amendment and compromised on another.

Open Downing St, says peer

THE SECURITY gates to Downing Street should be removed, the Labour peer Lord Morris of Manchester said in the Lords last night. However, the government spokesman Lord McIntosh of Haringey ruled out the move because of "a range of threats".

Today

■ Commons: Adjournment debates on future of mutual societies (Andrew Love, Lab, Edmonton); radioactive discharges into marine environment from Sellafield and Dounreay (Roseanna Cunningham, SNP, Perth); support for clean-coal technology (Denis Murphy, Lab, Wansbeck); teaching of left-handed children (Peter Luff, C. Mid Worcestershire: UK-Argentine relations (Tom Cox, Lab. Tooting). Welsh questions. Questions to Prime Minister. Government of Wales Bill, Lords amendments. Northern Ireland Bill, committee. Adjournment debate on air safety (Tom Brake, C. Carshalton and Wallington) ■ Lords: Third reading of Northern Ireland (Sentences) Bill. Crime and Disorder Bill, Commons amendments. Third reading of Police (Northern Ireland) Bill

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# New group to champion the disabled

A DISABILITY Rights Commission would be a "powerful new champion" to cut out discrimination against the disabled, ministers said yesterday.

Launching a White Paper containing plans for the DRC. Alan Howarth, the minister for disabled people, said it was part of Labour's manifesto commitment to secure "comprehensive and enforceable civil rights for disabled people".

BY GLENDA COOPER Social Affairs Correspondent

The plans were welcomed by disability groups, who said the "toothless poodle" of the pre-vious government's Disability Discrimination Act would at last be given teeth.

Mr Howarth warned that discrimination against disabled people "remains all too extensive and totally unacceptable.

He called it a "matter of shame" and a "prodigal neglect" of the talent, commitment and loyalty which dis-abled people could give, At present, disabled people are twice as likely to be in long-term unemployment than others.

The new organisation will have similar powers to the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Commission for Racial Equality. It will work to

promote equality of opportuni- such as an employer allowing ty, investigate where it thinks and prepare codes of practice. "Where there are disputes, we would expect the DRC in the first instance to coociliate and work through the Advisory. Conciliation and Arbitration

Service [ACAS]." he said. Much could be achieved by simple improvements, and Mr

a diabetes sufferer to work discrimination is taking place. particular shifts, or arranging office furniture to allow a wheelchair-user to get about with less difficulty.

But where a disabled person could not enforce bis or ber rights "unassisted", or where there was an important question of principle. "we would expect the DRC to support the Howarth referred to examples disabled person taking a case

through in court." Mr Howard said. However, he stressed that he wanted the new body to operate with the "lightest possible touch" consistent with carrying out its job:-I do not intend that it should go tram-pling all over small businesses."

James Strachan, chief executive of the Royal National Institute of Deaf People, said the DRC was "long overdue". "Until now there bas been

no effective legal framework within which to challenge these archaic prejudices," he said. "Given appropriate funding and strong law enforcement powers, the DRC should provide deaf and disabled people with the support to challenge discrimination. At last the toothless poodle of the DDA will he

given its teeth." "This is a very positive step towards ending discrimination

disabilities," said Richard Kramer, Mencap's head of campaigns. "The DRC's role in protecting and promoting the rights of people with learning disabilities will be a key com-ponent towards introducing full

and enforceatile civil rights." The proposals will go out to consultation until 16 October. It is understood the DRC could be operational by the year 2000.

# Warning by Vatican on gay priests

BY CLARE GARNER

A SENIOR Vatican official has warned the Anglican Church that if it relaxes its attitude to homosexuality it will undermine the unity of the worldwide Christian Church.

Cardinal Edward Cassidy. president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, delivered an unusually plain warning at an

ecumenical vespers service. Cardinal Cassidy, the senior Roman Catholic observer at the Lambeth Conference, sent a clear message to the Church of England that it could not expect to pursue dialogue with the Catholic Church if it continued to take a pro-gay-clergy line.

As president of the Pontifical Council, Cardinal Cassidy helped Pope John Paul II with the task of promoting unity in the worldwide Church. In his homily, he emphasised his devotion to that task, but added that, as ecumenical commit- modern' beatitude. ment lost its novelty, "new

debate on sexuality, at which to demand a resolution recog- redemption.

nising the ordination of practising homosexuals and the blessing of same-sex relationships, Cardinal Cassidy asked: "Are we not experiencing new and deep divisions among Christians as a result of contrasting approaches to human sexuality, for instance?

When such attitudes are in the ascendant, this disunity between Christians will remain unresolved. Moreover, disunity becomes an increasingly grave matter within the still separated Churches as well. Authoritative proclamation of the Gospel of Christ is diminished."

Cardinal Cassidy railed against pluralism, saying: "The commitment to unity is relativised if diversity and differences that cannot be reconciled with the Gospel are at the same time being embraced and exulted. It is put in question when pluralism in the Cburch comes to be regarded as a kind of 'post-

"It will be lost sight of altogether if radical obedience. risks" were emerging. altogether if radical obedience, and the necessity of costly embracing conflicting views on ethical choices for faithful theological matters such as discipleship are swept aside by sexuality was "insidious", be a naive over-emphasis on our said. Speaking in advance innate goodness, underestiof Thursday's controversial mating the reality of sin in our lives and our world, and American bishops are expected also the power of Christ's



Visiting bishops' spouses are shown through the churchyard of the Kent village of St Peter's by guides in traditional garb

# Bishop walks out of play on Israel

BY CLARE GARNER

THE BISHOP of Jerusalem yesterday stormed out of a play he perceived to be endorsing the Israeli annexation of the West Bank and threatened to leave

the Lambeth Conference. The Rt Rev Riah Hanna Abu El-Assal was so upset by "Wrestling with Angels" by the York-based Riding Lights Theatre Company that he was only persuaded to stay after praying privately with the Arch-

hisbop of Canterbury. Bishop Riah, a Palestinian citizen, further ruptured the efforts of the Conference's communication team to put a

positive gloss on proceedings. He called a press conference at which he explained that the offending scene was when two sticks representing Israel and Judah (now Palestine) were joined together symbolising the unity of the two nations. He interpreted this gesture of reconciliation as justifying Israeli claims to the West Bank.

"I was greatly disturbed, I thought people would bave heen more sensitive," he said. Some delegates at the conference felt that Bishop Riah had come to the conference with his own agenda and reacted in such an extreme way to make a political point.

Bishop Riah also called for the status of Jerusalem to be top of the Conference's agenda, "The Old Testament has been greatly misunderstood

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# Video footage revives Beast of Bodmin debate

GINGERLY TREADING across BY LUCIE MORRIS the grass is what appears to be a well-fed domestic hlack cat.

But according to experts the animal caught in "video evidence" unveiled vesterday is the infamous Beast of Bodmin. the puma-like creature blamed for killing scores of sheep and causing havoc across the West

The debate about the existence of the Beast was revived again with the release of the footage of two big cats filmed on the Cornisb wilderness.

The 20 seconds of video shot at a secret location by someone named only as "John", who lives on the moor was shown at a news conference at Newquay Zoo yesterday.

The video shows one small- a species of a kind of wild cat er "Beast" closely resembling which was supposed to have bea friendly feline and a larger 3ft come extinct in Britain nearly

6in long black animal, walking out from behind some trees.

The video will form part of a dossier of evidence on the presence of big cats on and around the moor which is to be submitted to the Government by North Cornwall MP Paul Tyler. Reported sightings of large

black cats and the deaths of

scores of sheep and new-born calves stretch back a decade. Mike Thomas, curator of Newquay Zoo and an expert on wild cats, who has been on the

Beast's trail for the past three years, says the few seconds of video proves there are big cats And he believes it could be

The latest 'Bodmin Beast' 130 years ago. He said: "I believe this evidence shows a new species. Look at the rounded tail, look at the eyes - they

are golden. Look at the power of the thing as it moves." Mr Thomas also presented plaster casts and pictures of

what be believes to he the Beast's paw prints. He has set up "Beast Watch", enlisting the help of local children to help him

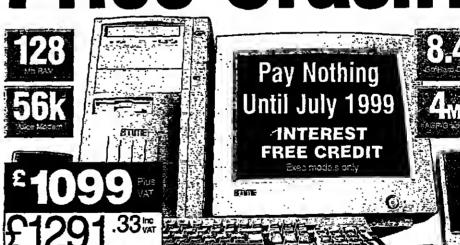
track down the elusive animal. But Pat Crowther, a photography expert who attended the news conference, said be believed the video appearance of the "Beast" may have been the result of clever editing.

"Apparently the video is over fours hours long, there is one point when the cat walks towards a park bench and then the video is suddenly cut," be said. However Mr Thomas be-

lieves it is the "best evidence yet" of big cats in the wild.

The dossier will be sent to the countryside minister, Elliot Moriey, together with details of around 60 other sightings gathered from around Cornwall over the past year.

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# Judge in McKenna case to view hypnosis tapes

A HIGH Court judge went home By MIKE TAYLOR last night to watch an adult American TV show featuring a woman having an orgasm under hypnosis, and a man who was persuaded by the hypnotist Paul McKenna to believe he had lost his penis. Mr Justice Toulson agreed

a St. says peer

to watch the bour-long video of the Howard Stern Show despite his reservations over its relevance to the damages action being brought against Mr McKenna. A man claims the Onset of his schizophrenia was due to taking part in one of the hypnotist's UK stage shows.

The judge was told by the man's QC, Anthony Scrivener. that he was trying to establish that Mr McKenna "used inappropriate acts which put people under considerable distress".

The £200,000-plus damages action is being brought by Christopher Gates, 30, a furniture polisber from Downley, Bucks. He claims to have suffered psychiatric injury through being hypnotised at the Swan Theatre, High Wycombe, in March 1994.

Nine days after the show, be was admitted to bospital suffering from an acute schizophrenic episode. His mental problems have continued and he is now unemployed. Mr McKenna denies negligence and contends Mr Gates's illness

was not caused by bypnosis. Cross-examining the bypnotist, Mr Scrivener suggested that, while it was said that people could not be made to act under hypnosis, they could be made to do so by "deceit". Deceiving a woman into

baving an orgasm. You have done that, haven't you? You put her under hypnosis on television in America and made her have an orgasm." Mr McKenna replied: "I did not make her have an orgasm. I explained to the ladies who were participating what was going to take place and, under hypnosis, I offered that suggestion, but I did not deceive them."

Mr McKenna agreed that the welfare of the subject should be at the forefront of his mind. He said he did not bold himself out as an expert, although he had expertise in stage hypnotism and practised hypnotherapy. He agreed with counsel that,

against their moral values before treating someone with hypnotherapy, it was necessary to inquire into the person's history. Mr Scrivener pointed out that, in a stage show, there was no time to do this. Mr McKenna agreed, but said that any volunteer who showed signs of distress would be taken aside to speak to his specially trained stage manager. Mr Scrivener said: "You used

to do a 'lost willy' routine, hypnotising a man to tell him he has lost his penis." Mr McKenna replied that he could not recall anyone being distressed by the routine Mr Scrivener said: "Isn't it common sense that a suggestion of that kind might cause a man considerable distress?" The hypnotist said he did not agree at all. The hearing resumes today.

# Genetic crop trials branded illegal

TRIALS OF genetically modified BY LOUISE JURY crops are being carried out illegally, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

But the appeal judges decided they had no power to stop a trial in Devon which Guy Watson, an organic farmer, fears will cross-pollinate his own crops and put his organic accreditation at risk

including 163 of genetically engineered seeds. And eoviron-

mental campaigners claimed it could delay the introduction of genetically modified crops into the shops for up to two years.

In a 23-page ruling, the Ministry of Agriculture came under fire for flouting laws designed to

The ruling means the Min-sitting with Lord Justice Judge istry of Agriculture (Maff) will and Lord Justice Buxton, said have to re-examine 1,200 trials it was "remarkable and recurrently under way in Britain, grettable" that the approach to listing status and abide by the the trials had been "contrary to law" for the past three years.

amended, but until then Jack Cunningham, the agriculture minister, "must comply with them just like anyone else".

But the judges said that genetically modified (GM) maize being grown at Hood Barton. Devon, should oot be destroyed ensure the safety of seed trials. as the tests could be continued Lord Justice Simon Brown, under "fresh arrangements".

It is only if crops are to be sold commercially that they need to have national seed trial regulations laid down by Maff. The requirement which has

heen consistently breached since 1995 is the holding of repeat trials to ensure safety and standards.

Emphasising the gravity of the breach, Lord Justice Judge "underline[d] in unequivocal language that the department had no authority or legal justification" for waiving the rule which demanded repeat trials.

"The clear requirements of the regulation were ignored because the ministry decided that they no longer served any useful purpose. That is imperGovernment's costs should not involve GM rather than conbe paid by Mr Watson, who was supported by the Soil Association and the Friends of the Environment's advisers had Earth, although costs were granted to Sharpes, the seed

company involved in the trials. Tom Jolliffe, of Sharpes, said the replicated trial regulation was a "legal technicality which hasn't been enforced for many years". The regulation applied to all seed trials and not just to genetically modified crops, but had been used in this case to try to stop the Devon trials. Only

The judges ruled that the six out of 1,200 plots on the site

The Department of the ruled that there was "zero" risk to Mr Watson's crops. This had been confirmed by the European Commission. But Dr Kees Noome, of Sharpes' parent company, Advanta, conceded that, in general, it was "impossible" to guarantee no cross-pollination under natural conditions. "There is always the possibility of some contamina-

tion," he said.

Richard Young, of the Soil Association - which represents the organic farming movement. said they would have to monitor the situation very closely, but one of the problems was how exactly to establish that crosspollination had taken place. If Mr Watson's crops were shown to

be contaminated, organic accreditation would be withdrawn. Peter Riley, of Friends of the Earth, said: This demonstrates that rather than being tightly regulated, the rush to develop these Frankenstein

foods has led to an astonishing

government disregard towards even the most basic laws."

The need for repeat trials was even more important with genetically engineered crops than other seeds because of the novelty of the science, he said FoE will oppose suggested attempts to amend the law

retrospectively. Luke Anderson, speaking on behalf of Mr Watson, who was not in court, asked for legislation to protect organic farmers.

A Maff spokesman said they would consider the implications of the case "urgently".

Popular culture: Beatles star's boyhood house is restored and unveiled as a tourist attraction by National Trust

# McCartney home joins the nation's heritage

BY DAVID LISTER **Arts News Editor** 

HERITAGE WAS redefined by the National Trust yesterday as the troyhood home of Sir Paul McCartney was unveiled as a tourist attraction.

The three-tiedroom terraced house at 20 Forthlin Road, Allerton, Liverpool, has beeo acquired by the trust, which is restoring it to its 1950s modesty.

It certainly merits its place as a piece of pop history. Paul McCartney and John Lennoo worked oo their soogs there in The Beatles' earliest days and composed "Love Me Do" and "I Saw Her Standing There" as well as the music to "When I'm

It was also the hirthplace of Scaffold, the chart-topping group formed by Sir Paul's brother Michael.

But the National Trust sees it as part of a larger heritage. Martin Drury, NT director general, said: "It is the first huilding acquired by the National Trust because of its significance to 20th-century popular

also important because it is typical of enlightened public housing policies of the post-war

public next week it will include McCartney, including one of Paul and John working on the trust by Sir John Birt,



I Saw Her Standing There". Visitors will also bear an audio

mum and dad would have found it very bard to believe that the house is oow a National Trust

Blenheim Palace, not a little terrace house like this. But they would be chuffed about it, and so am L"

November 1995. Using photographs taken hy Michael "This 1950s council house is McCartney, the trust has restored the house to its original state, with the help of a £47,000 Sir Paul lived there with his

> 1955 until he soared to fame with The Beatles in 1963. The idea was suggested to



tape with memories from the McCartney family. Sir Paul commented: "My

property.
"You expect the National
Trust to own places like

The NT bought the house in



Sheila Jones returns to the home where she lived for 30 years after McCartney

the programme Birthplace Of The Beatles, to be screened tonight on BBC 2, Sir John When the house opens to the hrother and their parents from says: "To go into the room where the music was composed, this tiny little room, did

director general of the BBC. In tabernacle of popular culture, of modern music. This is where it all started.

"We've protected very well centuries; we've got to do that for the 20th century as well

Trust's historic huilding representative in charge of the the back of the bouse: "The

most exciting thing is the

"There's the very famous photograph of Paul half-way up that everybody will know.

We reckoned that we ought to make sure it is totally protected as an original feature and we have tiad to wire it up specially with an alarm system

# THREE NEW DEFINITIONS **OF HISTORY**

Modernism as heritage: Number 2 Willow Road in Hampstead, north London. was designed and truilt by the modernist architect Erno Goldfinger and became his home.

The Trust saw the three-storey brick and concrete rectangle as one of Britain's most important examples of modernist architecture.

It is filled with furniture also designed by Goldfinger and an art collection including works by Henry Moore and Max Ernst.

The Cold War as heritage: Orford Ness in Suffolk can be seen as a monument to the Cold War.

Between 1959 and 1971 it was home to the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, its remote location being perfect for the top-secret work undertaken

Tests on atomic weapons were carried out in its massive concrete structures designed so that, in the event of an accident, explosions could be contained.

Subarbia as heritage: Mr Straw's House in Blyth Grove, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, is a modest semi-detached Edwardian house.

It was left to the Trust by William Straw, a grocer, who never envisaged the Trust But the NT felt it gave an insight into everyday life in

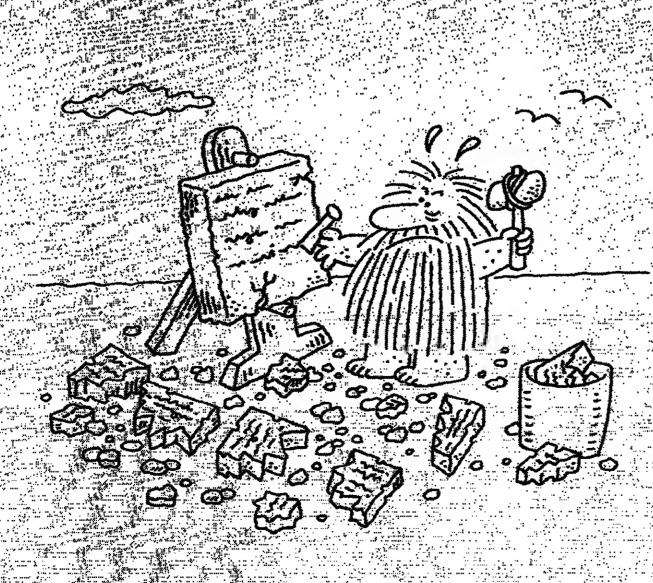
The interior has remained unaltered since the 1930s and features contemporary wallpaper and household objects.











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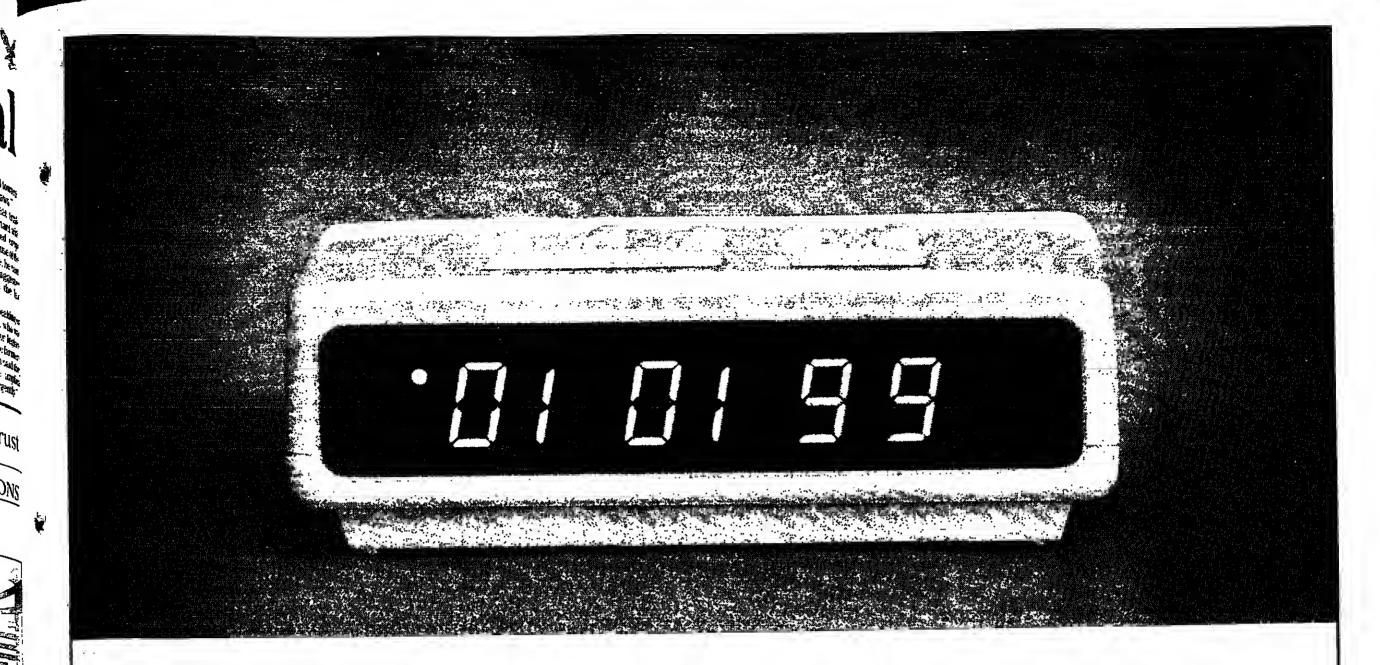
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# Disease threat to wave victims

THE BEACH by the lagoon at Sissano where hundreds of people once lived on Papua New Guinea's north-west coast was turned into a funeral pyre yesterday as they burned the dead from the tidal wave that struck the remote region last weekend.

Five days after the tidal wave, or tsunami, devastated this stretch of tropical coast along the West Sepik region, de-stroying villages and sweeping almost two miles inland, rescue officials estimated that the final death toll could reach 3,000, or about one-third of the population along the disaster zone.

The disaster co-ordination office at the village of Aitape. near to where the tsunami struck, said yesterday that rescuers and survivors had counted and buried 1,112 people so far. Most have been buried or burned in mass graves because of the tropical heat and crocodiles and other

animals preying on the corpses.

BY ROBERT MILLIKEN in Sydney

mate by Cesare Bonivento, the Catholic bishop of West Sepik, that the death toll could reach 8,000. The bishop based his estimate on the fact that only about 500 people had been evacuated from the disaster area.

The 500 are injured people

who were taken by helicopters to a field hospital set up by the Australian defence force at Vanimo, a coastal town further west, and to other makeshift medical centres. But at least 2,000 other survivors have been accounted for at other villages. As many of the dead were sucked out to sea by the receding wave, the full death

toll may never be known. A large number of the known dead were children, who lacked the strength to fight the force of a wave 10 metres high. With school holidays under way last weekend, there were more chil-

Three-year-old Alice Mamasuent sheds a tear after she is treated at a first aid centre in Sissano

was set up on Monday morning.

Paul Taylor, the army's chief

medical officer said: "There's an

than usual Many had come in from Vanimo to join friends and relatives. An entire school of 200 children from Aitape had gone to Arop, a village on the oon. All 200 are reported dead or missing.

There has been a very high death toll of children," said Colin Trevertz, the Papua New Guinean head of the relief operation, who toured the area yesterday with Bill Skate, the Prime Minister. "We've seen how metal

crushed and twisted around coconut trees in a few minutes."

Austen Crapp, an Australian The focus turned yesterday to treating the wounded. Many Catholic priest at Aitape, said: caught poeumonia from swal-"The bodies are now decomlowing sea water and many othposing and this is developing ers have broken bones. The into a further health hazard for Australian army's tent hospital already devastated people." at Vanimo has treated 200 people and operated on 55 since it

Questions are being asked about why the scale of the disaster took so long to filter out, and whether more lives might have been saved if the Papua New Guinea authorities had asked Australia for help sooner.

sis isn't under control, but the The West Sepik district is landing strip to the disaster, evacuation crisis is." remote but part of the problem until Monday. Papua New Guinea's govwas because the wave struck

> weekend in Papua New Guines people were reported dead, a figure that had changed dramatically by Sunday. Australia sent three military Hercules aircraft with about 100 medical staff and engineers on Sunday. but the first did not reach Vanimo, the nearest accessible

last Friday night at 7.30pm, at

the start of an official long

Brian Cassey/AP

ernments have not developed good communications and access to remote areas, nor an By Saturday night only six infrastructure that would enable the country to respond swiftly to natural disasters. There have been calls for Australia to channel more of its large annual aid budget to Papua New Guinea to help the country stand more on its own

# Slovakia river floods kill 16

BY ADAM LEBOR in Budapest

HUNDREDS OF troops, police officers and firefighters have been drafted into a massive rescue operation after heavy floods in eastern Slovakia killed at least 16 people, many of

them children. Several rivers burst their banks sending flood waves onto 20 villages and gypsy encampments. Thousands have had to flee their homes, often with only a few minutes' warning.

Officials fear that the death toll could rise still higher as dozens of people are missing, and large swaths of the heavily forested area are still inaccessible. They described the consequences of the flooding in one of the most isolated and least developed corners of Eu-

rope, as "catastrophic".
"We have 16 dead and dozens
of missing people," the Slovak
Interior Ministry spokesman. Peter Pieva, said. He said he expected the figure to rise, adding: We have no precise information on how many children were killed but we are afraid that most of the victims were children."

Emil Blicha, head of the Presov district office, said: "Gradually we are getting the situation under control, as the water has been settling down since last night. But the conse-quences will be catastrophic."



# Pakistan tries to dodge nuclear test sanctions

THE UNITED States Deputy Secretary of State, Strobe Talbott, tomorrow meets the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Nawaz Sharif, and his Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub Khan in Islamabad to attempt to find a way for Pakistan to avoid the economic sanctions it incurred by testing nuclear weapons in May.

Pakistan's economy is on the lip of disaster, its foreign reserves down to some \$600m (£360m), and it may default on foreign debt repayments later this month. Sauctions could

is persuaded that, in the State Department's words, "substantial progress" has been made towards achieving the United Nations' non-proliferation goals, sanctions could be eased or even lifted.

The most important step in this direction would be for Pak-

BY PETER POPHAM in New Delhi

istan to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). The main deterrent to it doing so is that India has closed the door on the idea. Pakistan would therefore be signing in

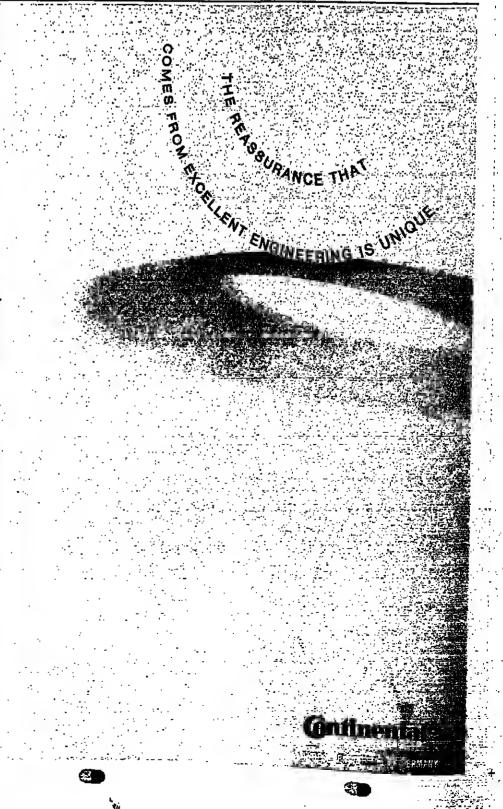
In Delhi on Monday, Mr Tai-bott was left in little doubt that India had no intention of signing anything. India made it clear that the price for signing the treaty But if President Bill Clinton manent seat on the UN Security Council State Department sources said that neither of these prizes was on offer.

Mr Talbott was photographed pumping hands with an ecstatic-looking Atal Behari Vajpayee, India's Prime Minister, and chatting happily with Mr Vajpayee's special envoy.

Jaswant Singh. But he left Delhi empty-handed. The two sides have agreed to talk again in Washington late next month,

Mr Sharif's position seems considerably weaker than his Indian counterpart's. Despite a huge parliamentary majority, Mr Sharif has blown whatever patriotic support accrued from the nuclear tests through a se-ries of decisions ranging from the panic stricken-freezing the \$11bn held by Pakistanis in foreign currency bank accounts would be its recognition as a nu-clear weapons state, blus a per-ment of national crisis to push ahead with a controversial dam.

According to the Muslim newspaper, members of his party, the Muslim League, are now so unhappy that they are plotting to replace him. Whether such a threat will goad Mr Sharifinto giving ground to America or into hanging tough



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# Slovakia Botha 'gave floods the order for kill 16 the order. bombings'

APARTHEID-ERA president, By Mary Braid P W Botha, personally ordered the hombing of the South African Council of Churches beadquarters, Adriaan Vlok, former law and order minister, said yesterday.

Mr Vlok became the highest ranking official in the old state machine to implicate Mr Botha in apartheid-era violence during his application for amnesty for the bombing before the Truth and Reconciliation Com-

Mr Botha is currently on trial for refusing a TRC summons to appear before it.

Mr Vlok said Mr Botha had ordered him to bomb Khotso House, the Johannesburg paid for the crimes of their headquarters of the churches, which were highly critical of the

Mr Botha said the headquarters become an "unholy Mr Vlok said he was asked by the president to make sure the film about Steve Biko, the

Clinton's plea for greater tol-

until after the United States

Fan Yiping, 43, head of a food

company in the southern

province of Guangdong, was

found guilty of helping Wang

Xizhe escape to Hong Kong in

October 1996. Mr Fan had been

in custody since March this

President's visit.

IN A snub to President Bill By TERESA POOLE

in Johanneshurg

that no one died although Mr Botha never specified how exactly that could be achieved. No-one did die, but 21 people were injured in the explo-

sion in August 1988. The former minister is the only member of Botha's cabinet to seek amnesty for apartheidera crimes after being implicated in the hombing in a

previous amnesty hearing. One of the frustrations about the TRC has been its failures to trace the chain of command in atrocities all the way up to cabinet. The foot soldiers have

Vlok is also applying for amnesty for the blowing up of the South African Trade Unions headquarters in May 1988 and place" and had to be dealt with. a series of bomb blasts at cinemas screening Cry Freedom.

China jails dissident

year. A spokesman for the

Guangzhou Intermediate Peo-

ple's Court said Mr Fan was con-

victed of "organising others to

cross a border illegally". He

plans to appeal, but in practice

this has no chance of success.

the worse since President Clin-

ton left," said Lu Siging, founder

of the Hong Kong-based Infor-

mation Centre of Human Rights

and Democratic Movement in

China, which released details of

"Things have taken a turn for

in Peking

father of Black Consciousness who died in detention, Mr Vlok has also been implicated in the activities of Vlakplaas, a brutal secret state security force, by former Vlakplaas commander Eugene de Kock

Mr de Kock, currently serving life sentences for murders he insists were sanctioned from the top, will also apply for amnesty for bombings during the next two weeks of special TRC hearings.

Yesterday Mr Vlok insisted he was appalled at the actions of some policemen in defending apartheid.

Many have confessed to the TRC that they killed and tortured activists. They claim they had the approval of senior officers. "Although I never intended it I cannot escape the reality that it is possible my figure of speech) could have been misinterpreted by some," said Mr Vlok. 'I ofter my sincere regrets

the sentencing.

Human rights groups overseas

believe this was the real reason

for Mr Fan's sentence.

People.



Crew members look over damage to the aft section of the cruise ship 'Ecstasy' after it had to be towed back to Miami following the fire which broke out shortly after leaving port

# Blazing cruiser delayed SOS call

By PHIL DAVISON in Miami

DONNING LUMINOUS orange lifejackets, many of them auxiously recalling the movie Titanic, the 2,575 passengers assembled at the bow and on the upper decks of the luxury Caribbean cruise liner. The ship was called the Ecstasy but, for the passengers, the planned four-day cruise to Key West and Cozumel, Mexico, turned into

several hours of agony. The 850ft, 10-deck "Love Boat" caught fire within minutes of leaving its home port of Miami at 4.30pm on Monday, sending flames licking from the lower decks at the stern and thick black smoke belching across the tourist mecca of Miami Beach.

Had the ship heen a few hours out to sea it might have been a disaster of Titanic proportions. In the end, 60 passengers or crew members were treated for smoke inhalation. asthma or anxiety attacks or minor injuries from scrambling

While the firefighting effort turned out to be successful. there was widespread criticism of the ship's captain and Carnival Cruise Lines, as well as the US Coastguard, over the delay in sending help.

The Coastguard revealed yesterday that it had spotted the smoke from the stern of the Ecstasy at 5.45pm, contacted the captain and was told the fire was under control. It was 6.15pm hefore the ship requested help and firefighting tugboats and Coastguard vessels sped to the scene.

It took firefighters, hosing seawater into the stern from tugs, about two hours to douse the fire. The passengers, inchiding European tourists, then had to eodure a tortuous sixhour return trip to port, towed at only a few miles an hour hy tugboats to avoid using the ship's engines.

### erance in China, a Guangzhou court yesterday sentenced a Chinese activist to three years to dodge in jail for helping another dissident to flee overseas. The sentencing had been delayed



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# Caution over Nigeria's poll pledge

THE PROMISE by Abdulsalam By MARY BRAID Abubakar, Nigeria's military ruler, to restore democracy by Fawehinmi, leader of the Joint May won international praise yesterday. The British foreign minister Tony Lloyd said the general's election plans, an-hounced on Monday, were the best news we have had from Nigeria for a long time."

But some Nigerian opposition figures ridiculed the proposals for a transfer of power to a civilian "elected" presideot by 29 May. "There is nothing new in the speech," said Gani

Action Committee of Nigeria. "It is the same old wine in new bottles." Crucially, a demand by activists that a civilian government of national unity be formed to oversee the elections was not granted.

And, while freedom of association has been promised, laws authorising arrest and detention without trial remain in force. Britain, France, Germany, the US and the Com-

Gen Abubakar, appointed after the death of the dictator Sani Abacha, will finally lead the soldiers back to barracks after decades of military rule. But doubters point out be is not the first Nigerian military ruler to promise to do that.

Welcoming the plan to disband five parties established under Abacha and to allow Nigerians to form and join parties of their choice, Mr Lloyd said: "The time has now come to re-establish dialogue be-

relax sanctions on Nigeria by bers of the Nigerian military travelling to Europe. This, he argues, will aid dialogue with Nigerian representatives working to promote the Abubakar

Germany's Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel, also promised to push for an easing of sanctions if Gen Abubakar bon-

monwealth seem hopeful that tween Nigeria and Britain and oured his pledges. The an-decessor and admitted misthe wider international com- nouncement was "a sign of takes were made in Nigeria, munity." He plans to lobby Eu- bope for the entire region". ropean Union members to The US was less effusive. "We will be watching closely the removing the visa ban on mem-implementation of the plan that (the general) has indicated," said a State department official.

Gen Abubakar also announced the pardon and release of 10 people convicted of plotting a coup against Abacha, the latest in a series of releases of political prisoners. Since taking power, Gen Abubakar has cridcised decisions by his pre-

which became an international pariah in 1995 after the execution of the writer Ken Saro-Wiwa. Nigeria was suspended from the Common-

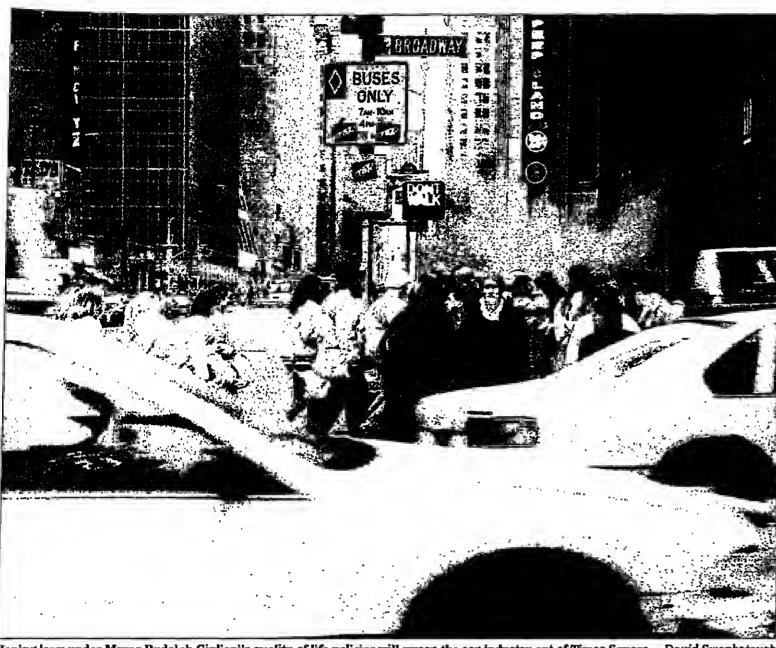
Yesterday Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, said Nigeria's suspension would end when democratic government was restored. Mr Anyaoku, a Nigerian, also welcomed the release of more political prisoners as

Abuhakar'sl commitment to national reconciliation" and the restoration of democracy.

Gen Abubakar's appeal for calm after the death in detenbon this month of the opposition leader Chief Moshood Abiola, which threatened to plunge Nigeria into conflict, was in marked contrast to the heavy-handed tactics of previous military rulers. But it remains to be seen if he enjoys the support of the military estabment. Nigerian opposition

interim civilian government of national unity is being created but they are also divided about how it would be formed. Last night the mainstream opposition group, the National Democratic Coalition, had still to

react to the election plan. But Tunji Braithwaite, a Lagos lawyer and former presidential hopeful, was quick off the mark. Yesterday he announced the birth of the Democratic Advance Movement. Nigeria's newest political party.



Zoning laws under Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's quality-of-life policies will sweep the sex industry out of Times Square David Swanborough

# New York runs sex joints out of town

IF YOU had visited 42nd Street BY DAVID USBORNE just off Times Square yesterday. you could have seen it for your self: the sex industry, once the pulse of this midtown neighbourhood, under siege and on

One of this block's oldest establishments was open for business for passing punters in the morning rush bour but ladders were up outside the en-trance. One by one, the oversized neon letters P-E-E-P-

L-A-N-D, were coming down. Yesterday was D-day for the Big Apple's once prosperous pornography merchants. Barring a last-minute intervention by the federal appeals court, the city was poised at last to enforce tough new zoning laws that aim to oust most of the sex shops, massage parlours and strip joints from the heart of

In all about 160 adult establishments are likely to be affected by the new laws, inspired by the quality-of-life policies of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Under the new rules, any sex-oriented business will be banned from operating within 500 feet of homes, churches, schools or each other. The aim is to exile the shops to industrial areas on the fringes of Manhattan or in other boroughs of the city.

"Giuliani's crazy," railed Raj. a manager at Fun City, another joint just across the street from Peepland, offering the usual mix of video sales, peep-show in New York

booths and naked dancing. "We pay our taxes like anyone else and we have 1,000 customers every day, 45 per cent of them regulars. How many jobs are going to be lost?" His job, for one, Raj reckons.

Peepland is not closing, yet. Like scores of other adult establishments it will try to circurrent the law by toning down its fare. The more suggestive of the street signs are already disappearing. On 8th Avenue, Billy's Topless has miraculously become Billy's Stopless. Strip joint owners are planning to cover a bit of flesh, in the bope of evading the wrath of city officials when the expected raids begin,

At Fun City, plans are already being laid, "The ladies will wear bikinis, and something down here too," explains Rai, pointing to his own midriff. Maybe something that covers up the front, but I think the butt. will still be naked. We are not sure vet." Will the customers still pay for girls in clothes? "If they see naked today and clothed tomorrow, maybe not," says Rai. "Business will go down, of course."

Many sex shop owners are pinning their hopes on fine print that stipulates that the threat of eviction will be applied only to establishments where 40 per cent or more of the stock is

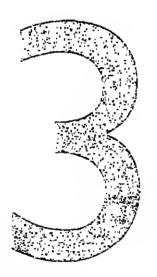
considered pornographic. Workers yesterday were rushing to unpack cardboard boxes of new videotapes as managers sought to pack their shelves with "family" titles to satisfy the

40 per cent threshold. "It's a real disaster." said a manager at Peep World on Times Square itself, as be replaced Sodomania and Dirty Debutantes with the less-thanraunchy Rodeo Bloopers and Clipping Coupons for Fun and Profit. Other shop owners have been frantically trying to sanitise their window displays with tourist tat like plastic Statues

of Liberty and Big Apple mugs. The last hope of the owners, who have been belped in their legal struggles by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), rested with the federal appeals court. Yesterday, judges were weighing a motion to have enforcement of the laws delayed until the case goes before the US Supreme Court in Washington.

Mayor Giuliani, however, is unimpressed by the last-minute manoeuvre. "This is just de-laying the inevitable." he warned.

Firing back yesterday was Herald Price Fahringer, the leading lawyer for the Industry. Lashing out at the mayor, Mr Fahringer said: "He wants to stamp the porn shops out Maybe we should all just be real good people and not even think



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# Gypsy king is buried with fax and phone

in Moscow

THE KING of Moldova's Gypsies, Mircea Cerari, has delivered a posthumous blow to a stereotype that has for centuries dragged down his people the view that they are a band of wandering cobblers and fortune-tellers who know about as much about technology as they do about by-laws and soap.

Cerari went to his grave this week not with a pair of large gold ear-rings, nor a pack of well-thumbed cards, or a horse shoe or a pile of copper pots. According to local news reports, he was buried with his

computer, fax modern, and cell-

Such was the perceived value of the trophies that lie alongside him, which also include a vodka-stocked bar, that organisers of his interment reportedly insisted that concrete was poured over the grave to

deter thieves from breaking

His death at the age of 59, from a diabetes-related illness. appears to have dealt a blow to the large gypsy population in Moldova, and the surrounding former Soviet states. According to Moldova's Flux newspaper, almost 15,000 gypsies from around the region went to the funeral on Monday in Soroca, 80 miles north of Moldova's capital, Kishinev.

His death means that his place as king, or leader, of Moldova's gypsies falls to his son, Arthur.

Cerari's equipment suggests he did somewhat better than most of the several hundred thousand other gypsies who, after trekking across balf the planet from north-west India in the 14th century, somebow ended up in the remnants of the Soviet empire.

Age-old prejudice against

the gypsies - or, more properly, Rom (the word gypsy derives from Egypt, from where they were for centuries wrongly thought to have come! - has been fanned anew by economic malaise, nationalism and a rise in neo-fascism. But it seems some have made it in the post-Soviet world. In Romania, the Mercedes-driving selfproclaimed gypsy king Cioaba. for example, is said to wear more gold than a Saudi prince.

The knowledge that you cannot reasonably expect to take such earthly lucre with you does not appear to have deterred Cerari, who presumably believed in a cyber-active after life, firing off e-mails from the depths of his white marble tomb. That view also seems to have carried weight with the usually sceptical Associated Press, which ran a headline yesterday announcing that "Moldova's gypsy king is dead - but not out of touch."

to find out more.

# IN BRIEF

### Menem rules out a third term

ARGENTINE President Carlos Menem announced yesterday be would not seek a third consecutive term in the 1999 presidential elections. The Peronist leader said only last week that be would ask the party to seek his reelection by any legal means possible. "I have resolved to exclude myself from any course of action which would make it possible to compete in 1999," Mr Menem said. He was first elected in 1989 and was re-elected with a landslide vote in 1995.

### **Green light for Russian reform**

RUSSIA'S Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko said the Kremlin could press ahead with new revenue-raising measures after reducing its short-term debt burden and winning new credits from the IMF. Under the recent agreement with the IMF, Russia plans to run an overall budget deficit of 2.8 per cent in 1999, down from 5.8 per

### **Bombs rock Macedonia capital**

THREE strong explosions shook the Macedonian capital. causing considerable damage but no injuries. No group claimed responsibility for the blasts. However, the Rosovo Liberation Army, fighting for independence for the Serbian province of Kosovo, claimed responsibility for a series of explosions in January in three Macedonian towns in January.

### Byzantine palace discovered

TURKISH archaeologists have stumbled upon what is believed to be part of a vast fifth-century Byzantine imperial palace buried beneath Istanbul's old city museum officials said. Although the Byzantine imperial palace is well-documented, archaeologists had been unsure where to begin looking for the complex.

### SUZANNE MOORE

Anna Ford should be applauded for telling it like it is, for blowing open the myth that everything in the workplace is equal.

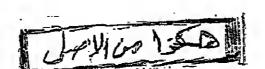
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years ago, the country's military dictator, General Hugo Banzer promised he was on his way in person to talk to them. Instead he sent his troops in a column of armoured vehicles. backed by swooping fighter

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planes, for what later became known as "The massacre of the valley". The official version was that a peasant woman provoked the incident by throwing a stooe at a tank, causing the column to open fire. Whatever the case, up to 200 peasants were left dead without a single military casualty. Almost a quarter of a century

in Bolivia's Cochabamba Valley

were protesting against dra-

matic price rises almost 25

on, the man who ordered the attack, General Banzer, now 72, is back in power, this time as democratically elected president, having hung up his uniform. Elected, yes. But hardly a popular figure.

In the presideotial elections a year ago, "the General", as he is still known despite his retirement, won only 22 per cent of the votes at the head of his National Democratic Action (ADN) party. Because of the fragmentatioo of the other par-

WHEN PEASANTS and workers By PHIL DAVISON in La Paz

> ties and Bolivia's second-round run-off system he was eventually declared the winner Far more people - 30 per cent stayed away from the polls than voted for him. "This is oot the democracy

we dreamed about. It's not the democracy those who died or disappeared were struggling for. This is a democradura [democ-tatorship]," said Bettina Suarez, a human rights activist whose husband was killed by the troops of another military regime in 1980.

Although Gen Banzer is now considered a bona fide democrat, his opponents worry about receot hrutal police tactics try's democratically elected used against coca farmers and fear he could resort to his old ways, when he ruled with an iroo fist, closed down universities, assumed control of political parties and the press and

tortures and disappearances. Like other South American dictators, Geo Banzer received US military training at the School of the Americas in Fort long-standing territorial dispute growing areal is barbaric."



Bolivians fear dictator-turned-democrat

Gen Banzer: Sent troops in against peasants

with Chile, which left Bolivia landlocked, he became friendly with Gen Augusto Pinochet, the man who overthrew that coungovernment, as well as the military leaders of oeighbouring Argentina and Paraguay. When he talks of human

rights, it's a slap in the face for me," said Mrs Suarez, a leader presided over scores of deaths, of The Association of Families of the Disappeared. "The best word for him is that he's a cynic. The danger is that he oow has the cover of a democracy. What he's doing in the Benning, Georgia. Despite a Chapare [the main coca leaf-

She was referring to recent He claimed that someone must raids on coca fields by parawithout his knowledge. military police in which a dozen

people, oo both sides, were killed. The police are trying to eradicate illegal coca - the basis for cocaine - at the behest of the United States and the United Nations. The farmers, mostly Aymara or Quecua Indians, say they and their ancestors have been cultivating coca for centuries and that it is an essential hirthright. While backing the coca erad-

ication effort now, Gen Banzer was often accused of drug trafficking links during his military rule. The British academic and Latin American expert James Dunkerley has written that Geo Banzer is likely to have been involved in turning Bolivia into a cocaine-producing centre in the Seventies to counteract the collapse of the country's cotton industry.

In 1975, Gen Banzer's private secretary, Edwin Tapia, was arrested at Montreal airport carrying a stash of cocaine. In the same operation, the general's soo-in-law was found in possession of cocaine. Five years later, after his ouster, 300kg of cocaine were found in ooe of the general's hacieodas.

have been using the ranch

Gen Banzer, who took power in a 1971 coup and was himself overthrown by the officers in 1978, was lucky to avoid conmanity. After his ouster, Congress began trying him for 234 separate crimes - mostly deaths, disappearances or torture cases - but the case was suspended after a further series of military coups and the assassination of the congressman who had led the accusations against him.

One of the military rulers who followed Gen Banzer, Geo Luis Garcia Meza, was not so Bolivians accuse President him?" Just eoough people did.

Banzer of providing Garcia Meza with soft prison conditioos. Claiming illness, Garcia Meza has a private suite in a military hospital, with another suite he uses as a gymnasium and a third for his bodyguards. victioo for crimes against hu- He is also reportedly allowed out during holiday periods.

During last year's election campaign, the Association of Families of the Disappeared ran television ads showing the faces of Garcia Meza and Banzer alternately on the screen. "This man [Garcia Meza]: former dictator: responsible for multiple deaths and disappearances: serving 30 years in jail," it said, "This man [Banzer]: former dictator: responlucky. He was sentenced in 1993 sible for multiple deaths and to 30 years in jail for geodcide disappearances; oow running and other crimes, but many for president: will you vote for

# Defence chiefs kill CNN gas story

BY MARY DEJEVSKY in Washington

THE PENTAGON yesterday said that it had no evidence that United States forces used lethal gas in Indochina during the Vietnam war, insisting that stocks of the gas were held at the Okinawa air base and were not transferred from there at any point. Preseoting a highly detailed report, compiled from documents, computer records and contemporary eyewitness accounts, the US Defense Secretary, William Cohen, sought to discredit once and for all a report broadcast by CNN in conjunction with Time magazine last month alleging the use of sarin gas against US defectors in Laos.

CNN and Time retracted the report, Valley of Death, two weeks ago, after an outside coosultant had found insufficieot evidence to support the claims. Two producers were dismissed, and a star foreign correspondeot, Peter Arnett, was reprimanded. CNN admitted "serious mistakes" in the programme and issued an abject apology. But the producers, April Oliver and Jack Smith, have continued to defend their version, saying that as a covert operation there would be no documentary evidence of

Operation Tailwind. Mr Cohen and the Under Secretary for Defense, Rudy de Leon, yesterday said that eveo covert operations were documeoted and that sarin gas would have produced quite different and more devastating effects than those observed. They quoted participants in the operation, including those who loaded the gas canisters, as confirming that they contained tear gas, not poison gas.

One complication that emerged from the report, however, related to the computerisation of records and the coding of gas canisters. The report said that an initial computer search for CBU-15 - the code for sarin gas - had turned up 2,000 uses, but a further search had turned up an error in the computer coding that confused a concentrated variety of tear gas (CBU-14) with CBU-15 after 1972. In fact, it established that no sarin gas was transferred to Indochina.

Taking part yesterday were representatives of the Army. Navy, Air Force, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the CIA, who had all conducted their own investigations into the CNN allegations. There were also Tailwind participants, Ooe of them, Major General Jack Singlaub, said he had been consulted by CNN and repeatedly told Ms Oliver: "April, it did not happen. You're oo the wrong track."

The Defense Secretary announced his investigation on 9 June, two days after the programme was aired. Yesterday. he said he had taken the matter very seriously because of the aspersions it cast on US policy on curbing lethal weapons.

The Washington Times earlier reported that CNN had agreed to pay undisclosed damages to one of the chief sources for its story. Admiral Thomas Moorer, Admiral Moorer, who was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time of Operation Tailwind, had complained that his words were distorted CNN had been unable to reach a settlement with the commander of the operation, Colooel Eugene McCarley, however, and he was pursuing a libel suit for a reported \$6m.







# Ancient relations fail to get off on the right foot

WHEN SOMEONE sawed the right foot off a life-size statue of the Spanish conquistador Don Juan Onate, in northern New Mexico this January. John Garcia knew what he was up against.

Garcia, a thick-set Spanish speaker from Albuquerque with political amhitions, had volunteered himself and his public relations company to co-ordinate festivities for the 400th anniversary of the first Spanish settlement oorth of the Rio Grande. A direct descendant of the early Spanish settlers, Garcia was prepared for the egg-shell walking that would be needed, but even he was taken ahack by the opposition.

The Indians, he says, "became very agitated". Six years ago they had suffered the 500th anniversary of the "discovery" of "their" continent by Christopher Columhus, now they faced a celebratioo of Onate's barbaric ways. Garcia concedes the difficulty: "Our success means their failure." But not to mark the Hispanic anniversary he says, would be unfair to Hispanic families who stayed here and endured .. We must separate the war

from the warrior". But no ooe in the region of Alcalde, where Onate briefly lost his foot (now hack in place), missed the symbolism. It was in January 1599 that Onate's men took revenge for a local tribe's reluctance ganise the Vietnam war to supply them with food by rounding up 24 of its warriors and severing their right feet. statue, at present the subject century, residing at the small

**AMERICAN TIMES** NEW MEXICO



The bronze statue of the Spanish settler Don Juan Onate - with his right foot hacked off

Truth or no, the folk memory of what happened at Acoma, near what is now the city of Albuquerque, has endured for almost four centuries, poisoning relations between the indigenous Indian population and descendants of the Spanish settlers.

It was partly to try to draw the sting of such conflicts that John Garcia set up a joint group, with Indian representatives, to consider the significance of the anniversary

and keep everyone informed. A Vietnam veteran, now in his forties, Garcia helped ormemorial in Washington. He would like the oext Onate

of hot debate in Albuquerque to resemble a memorial of suf-

My next Garcia could hardly have been more different. Napoleon "Paul" Garcia, as his business card reads, is a so unfriendly as to send you grey-haired mustachioed geotleman of casual garh, firm views and uncertain sociability, whom you encounter

fering as well as of triumph.

by chance or not at all. I had ventured on a minor pilgrimage in the footsteps, or rather tyre tracks, of Georgia O'Keeffe, the painter who made the New Mexican landscape her own. O'Keeffe lived and painted there for half a

settlement of Abiquiu, oorth-west of Santa Fe. Abiquiu is a dusty village of tumble-down houses. In the only shady corner of its worn dirt square, dominated by a restored adobe church, one house stands out. There are flowers in the garden, a creeper over the gate and a chi-

huahua cavorting outside. Inside, "Paul" grumbles about visitors like me who can't find his clearly marked gate. A further hand-written warning says that irritating visitors will be charged \$10.

Today, though, Garcia is in a good mood. And as he apologises for his accented English it is clear how deep Hispanic roots run in these parts. Garcia's family built and maintained houses in the Abiquiu regioo for geoerations, including "Miss O'Keeffe's house". He remembers her as a brusque woman who had flashes of kindness.

He points out on a handdrawn map where O'Keeffe's house is. He warns that the "no photographing" signs in the village are to be heeded and that the natives may be on a wild goose chase up the hillside in the midday sun.

The warning ringing in my ears, I go to peer over the late Miss O'Keeffe's wall. A "native", oeither obviously Hispanic oor Indian, emerges in a large cowboy hat to tend the scrappy yard of his trailer. I pause, anticipating the insult. "Hi", he says cheerily, and turns back to his broom. MARY DEJEVSKY

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# BRIEFING

### SKB shares fall on profit results

SHARES IN SmithKline Beecham dropped 32.5p to 745.5p yesterday as investors expressed their disappointment with the pharmaceutical giant's second-quarter results. In the three months to June, pre-tay profits rose 4 per cent to £362m, although SmithKline said the excluding the effects of currency movements, profits wes \_ \_p 10 per cent.

Jan Leschly, the chief executive, blamed the shortfall on the absence of flu outbreaks which depressed sales of Augmentin, the antibiotic that is SmithKline's best-selling drug. But be stressed that the company was still on track to meet its full-year double-digit growth target.

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DOUG ELLIS, the veteran

### Aston Villa in talks with investors



chairman of Aston Villa football club, admitted yesterday that he had held talks with a potential investor about them taking a stake in the Premiership club. However. Mr Ellis said he had no intention of reducing his holding, which together with family interests, amounts to around 38 per cent. "I'm buying rather than selling," he his disappointment at the club's share price.

which has halved since it joined the market a year ago. Mr Ellis said he thought a European super league was "only a matter of time" but that it would have to run in conjunction with the domestic season. Though Villa profits doubled last year to £10.8m excluding player transfers, season ticket sales have been slower after an 18 per cent

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### Microsoft names first president

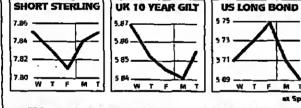
MICROSOFT is promoting executive vice-president Steve Ballmer to president of the world's leading software company, effective immediately. The move is being made to allow Microsoft chairman Bill Gates to focus on product strategy while allowing Mr Ballmer to focus on day-to-day running of the business, said Microsoft spokesman John Pinette. Chief operating officer Bob Herbold will continue in his position, Mr Pinette said. As executive vice President in charge of sales and support, Ballmer, 42, has been a driving force behind the Redmond, Washingtonbased company. Known for his bombastic presentations at company meetings, Ballmer has taken an active role in setting strategy and running the company's businesses.

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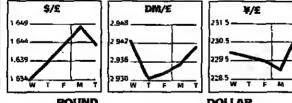
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Nikker	16556.69	-14.09	-0.09	20698.67	14488.21	0.92	
Hang Seng	8564.55	71,30	0.84	15820.31	7351,68	4.78	

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UK	7.76	0.71	7.89	0.39	5.86	-1.22	5.49	-1.48
us	5.69	-0.06	5.81	-0.22	5.46	-0.80	5.69	-0.83
Japan	0.66	0.02	0.68	-0.13	1.74	-0.82	2.30	-0.75
Germany	3.54	0.39	3.80	0.46	4.66	-0.91	5.28	-1.08

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SOURCE: BLOOMBERG

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Belgium (francs)	\$8.85	New Zealand (S)	2.996
Canada (S)	2.3866	Norway (krone)	12.1
Cyprus (pounds)	0.8341	Portugal (escudos)	289.2
Denmark (krone)	10.92	Saudi Arabia (rials)	5,996
Pinland (markka)	8.7155	Singapore (S)	2.673
France (francs)	9.5497	Spain (pesetas)	241.1
Germany (marks)	2,8589	South Africa (rands)	9,909
Greece (drachma)	470,93	Sweden (krone)	12.7
Hong Kong (\$)	12.37	Switzerland (francs)	2.417
ireland (punts)	1.1324	Thailand (bahts)	60.3
Indian (rupees)	64.23	Turkey (Ilrasi)	42646
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# Daniel Hodson resigns as chief in shake-up at London's troubled futures exchange

# Liffe brings back Williamson

LIFFE, LONDON'S troubled futures and options exchange, has instigated a shake-up of top management in an attempt to

much-maligned chief executive, has resigned, and Brian Williamson, one of Liffe's three founding members, bas returned to the exchange as its first executive chairman.

Mr Hodson, who had until yesterday always flercely denied rumours that he was intending to stand down, said: "It is time for new leadership with fresh vision and rekindled energy."

Mr Hodson, who will stand down at the end of the month, said he thought Brian right person for the task

BY LEA PATERSON

ahead". His view was shared by traders on the floor of Liffe. "I'm very positive about the regain its competitive edge. very positive about the Daniel Hodson, Liffe's changes. Brian has great experience of managing the exchange and of leading from to see someone with good leadthe front," said one.

Mr Williamson, who was Liffe chairman between 1985 and 1988, saidhe was firmly behind the exchange's move to electronic trading, had an open mind on strategic alliances and was committed to meeting the demands of Liffe's users. He said his top priority was to put in a new chief executive, and an announcement is expected

When asked about the qualities Liffe's new chief executive

would need, Mr Williamson said: "He is going to have to be pretty special. I want a good businessman, someone who is not afraid of risk and someone who will get on with people."

Traders said they were keen ership qualities - one criticism of Mr Hodson has been that he did not push through changes at the exchange with sufficient

Mr Williamson - who was only contacted by the exchange last week - was upbeat about the future at Liffe, which has recently been losing out to its screen-based rivals such as the Frankfurt futures exchange. He said: "The City of London has the greatest pool of international talent in the he would be embarking on a



Brian Williamson: Open mind on alliances

world. Liffe's development of OTC derivative products [tailormade derivative products] is

proof Liffe can do a good job." The new Liffe chairman said

wide-ranging consultation with Liffe's customers. Williamson, who through his chairmanship of the Gerrard Group has had substantial experience as a Liffe user, said: The first thing I am going to do is to ask the customers what they want. I am much more interested in what they have to say than what chairmen of other exchanges have to say."

Mr Williamson gave his seal of approval to Liffe's move to electronic trading, saying his time on the advisory board of Nasdaq - the US electronic stock market - taught him about the importance of technology. According to Mr Williamson, the decision to move to electronic trading was a natural consequence of doing

what the customer wanted The new Liffe chairman did not write off open outcry altogether although he admitted the opportunities for open outcry to add value to the customer were "small in number".

Mr Williamson said he was not opposed to the idea of strategic alliances, such as the one recently announced between Deutsche Börse and the London Stock Exchange, "If the consensus of the major users say that is what must be done, then I will do my best to effect

that," he said. In order to devote as much time as possible to Liffe, Mr Williamson is standing down as chairman of the Gerrard Group and from three other public company directorships.

# **Tight** labour market worries the Fed

BY ANDREW MARSHALL in Washington

AMERICA FACES a greater risk from accelerating infiation than from imminent slowdown, Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve said yes-

The top central banker gave a measured assessment of the US economy in his semi-annual Humphrey Hawkins testimony to Congress, saying that it was still on track for continued non-inflationary growth. But he pinpointed the labour market as the key concern, warning that without some deceleration in growth, wage inflation might force the Fed to

"While we expect that the situation will develop relatively smoothly, the Committee believes that, given the current thiness in labour markets, the potential for accelerating inflation is probably greater than the risk of protracted, excessive weakness in the economy," he

The Fed predicts economic growth for this year of 3-3.25 per cent, and 2-2.5 per cent next. Inflation is expected to pick up from 1.75-2 per cent to 2-2.5 per cent in 1999. Unemployment is forecast to remain in its current range, at about 4.5-4.75 per cent. The Fed has kept its ranges for monetary aggregates the same as last year, and barring any unforeseen changes will maintain them for 1999 as well.

The economy grew very rapidly in the first quarter of the year, at about S.S per cent, but has slowed markedly in the second quarter as rundowns in stocks, the General Motors



strikes and the Asian slump have taken the edge off. However, Mr Greenspan said that he was not yet convinced of the slowdown, dampening the hopes of some economists for a further cut in interest rates. As inflation has fallen and nominal short-term interest rates have remained the same, there has, if anything, been a de facto hardening of the Fed's stance as real sbort-term interest rates have risen. There was no overt refer-

ence to raising interest rates, and Mr Greenspan implicitly, on balance, sees no need to take action now. But there were clear warnings for the future. "Should pressures on labour resources begin to show through more impressively in cost increases, policy action may need said. "We need to be aware that prices were little changed.

to counter any associated tendency for prices to accelerate before it undermines this extraordinary expansion," be said. "Labour markets ... became increasingly taut during the first half." But he added, productivity had continued to rise, and while It did so in pace with the growth in the labour market, there was no neccessity to check wage growth. Downward cost pressures from Asia also helped to keep inflation in check

But while his primary concern, as a good central banker, was inflation, Mr Greenspan also warned that the slowdown in Asia could hurt the American economy. And this needed to be taken into account in any decisions about interest rates, he

tions in the US could have outsized effects on very sensitive financial markets in Asia, a development that could have substantial adverse repercussions on US financial markets and over time, our own economy." However, the primary focus of US policymaking remains the domestic economy, he added. Mr Greenspan continued to

swipe at lax lending policices by hanks and to warn the stock market obliquely that it has yet to accommodate to slower growth and lower profit margins. Financial markets took a sanguine view of his comments. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell marginally on his comments, recovering to stand at 9266.14 (6.00pm BST), Bond

# **Nationwide** carpetbaggers swept aside

biggest building society, will today announce that carpetbaggers standing for election to its board have been decisively defeated for the second year in

Michael Hardern, the parttime freelance butler running for director for the second time, and Andrew Muir a 32year-old recruitment consultant from Slough, will be told later today that they have been defeated by a significant majority.
While the official result will

not be announced until 3pm; Nationwide's semor executives learned the outcome of the election by the end of yesterday. Their mood was described as "chirpy".

Mr Hardern said vesterday: Tjust wanted to say - I am the father of mutuality. I'm going to claim that title because they honestly wouldn't have discovered what the word meant if it hadn't been for me." Sources close to the soci-

ety's senior executives said their mood was "unruffled" by the outcome of the vote for board members, which just two weeks ago was described as split down the middle and too close to call. "The fact that the sensible

directors [the incumbent members of Nationwide's board! will get elected is impeccable - it couldn't be more impeccable. The carpetbagging candidates will lose," a source said.

However, while the vote on elections to the board of directors has been decisive, a separate vote on converting to a bank is described by sources close to the matter as "much

As well as rejecting Mr Hardern and Mr Muir, more than 2 million members of Nationwide have voted on three

NATIONWIDE, the world's By Andrew Verity

proposals urging the society to take immediate steps to convert to a bank.

The result of the vote on conversion will be closer than that for the board members. Both the candidate carpetbaggers have no experience in financial services and were asking to be put in charge of a society worth up to £10bn.

But Nationwide is also expected to win the vote on conversion, even if it is by a much narrower margin than the rejection of the carpetbaggers in the other ballot.

City observers yesterday quashed speculation that a narrow win on the conversion vote would force Nationwide to seek a trade buyer. Lloyds Bank has been touted as a likely suitor. One analyst said: "Even if Nationwide won by just one vote, a bid by Lloyds would be suicide. It would be tantamount to claiming that the majority of members of Nationwide were wrong.".



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# Stock Exchange investigates Regent dealings

THE STOCK Exchange is investigating share dealings by the former finance director of pub operator Regent Inns ahead of a profits warning made by the company last

Clive Watson, who left the business in May, sold shares

BY NIGEL COPE Associate City Editor

arate tranches between February and early June. Regent Inns' shares fell

sharply later that month after the company issued a profits warning on 22 June. worth around £1.4m in 12 sep-A spokesman for Mr Watson

sold shares after he retired as

said: "It is true that Mr Watson

the permission of Regent Inns finance director of Regent Inns in February 1998 having given the board his resignation in September 1997. These sales were to fund his new business ventures. The share options he sold in June this year after he completed his handover to the

directors and any suggestion that he had any prior knowledge of the profits warning, which came as a complete surprise to him, is untrue. Mr Watson stepped down as

a director at the time of Regent's half-year results in Feb-

new finance director, were with ruary. He subsequently sold signed in September and 424,000 shares at prices of around 340p per share. The largest tranche of shares was 135,000 just after

> The latest was in June when share options.

he cashed in £40,000 worth of Although Mr Watson re-

stepped down in February, he did not leave until May hecause he had agreed to stay on to hand over his responsibilities to his successor.

A spokesperson for Mr Watson added that he retained 353,000 shares in the husi-

# AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

# LONDON

FOOTSIE'S six-day winning run came to an abrupt halt, with a 46.3point fall to 6,132.7.

The market spent much of the session waiting for US banking chief Alan Greenspan's testimony to Congress. There was relief that he seemed relaxed about US interest rates, which helped shares end slightly stronger. Banking shares were weak ahead of the results season, but HSBC bucked the trend, up 32p to 1,673p on the 0.4 per cent stake bought hy Swiss investor Martin Ebner. Derek Pain, page 21

### NEW YORK THE DOW Jones Index trimmed

losses but was still negative after Fed Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan warned that interest rates might have to he raised if job growth, demand did not slow and said inflation risk ootweighed downside risks from Asia. At 17:59 London time, the Dow stood at 9266.14, down 29.61 points.

US bonds headed lower in late morning but reaction was muted in currency markets with the dollar drifting higher against both the Japanese yen and the German in HSBC also encouraged buying for

### HONG KONG HONG KONG stocks finished up as

huying for HSBC Holdings shares lifting the blue chip Hang Seng index, otherwise trading was thin, brokers said. The Hang Seng rose 71.30 points, or 0.84 per cent, to end at 8,564.55. "I believe people bought HSBC Holdings for hedging and the trading volume of the banking giant accounted for nearly 30 per cent of today's total turnover," said Peter Lai at OCBC Securities. Reports that Swiss asset manager Martin Ehner had last week taken a stake the counter, brokers said.

# MOSCOW

RUSSIAN SHARES closed lower despite traders' relief after news about new IMF credits and a successful debt conversion scheme were discounted.

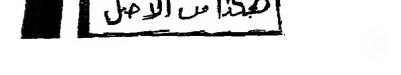
The RTS index lost 4.7 per cent to 183.95 as traders said the market had already priced in a successful swap of short-term debt for new eurobonds and the IMF's approval of new credits, which both happened late on Monday. "Everybody is waiting for a reaction from the West, which has unt appeared yet," said Alfa Capital trader Dmitry Sirotinin.

### FRANKFURT

THE BENCHMARK Dax index surrendered its hold on 6,200 and fell into negative territory, knocked lower on interest rate and inflation warnings from US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan. The news knocked the DAX down from about 6,210 to close1.99 points off at 6184.1.

Above all, Mr Greenspan's comments hit export-driven stocks, with BMW giving up DM15 within minutes of the start of the Fed chief's Humphrey-Hawkins testimony. Earlier the DAX touched an all-time high of 6.217.83

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# CBI looks to Mr twenty per cent

FOR a businessman whose credo is 20 per cent profits growth a year and hang the unions, Sir Clive Thompson is remarkably modest in his ambitions for the Confederation on British Industry. The chief executive of Rentokil initial says that be will judge his two year reign as CBI president a success if he is able to leave the organisation much as be found it. He will be "delighted", he says, if

the CBI still has as many members then as now. It would be a "pleasure" for the CBI still to be in a position to influence government policy. It would be nice to think that the CBI's Eurosceptic wing could be brought round on the single currency but everyone has the right to their point of view. Gosh. And is there honey still for tea and stands the clock at ten to three? What a reassuring picture of continuity and stability Sir Clive paints.

Perhaps he bas been taking lessons in compliance from his predecessor, Sir Colin Marshall, who began his presidency backing John Major for re-election and ended it being ennobled by Tony Blair as a fully paid up member of New Labour. A truer picture of Sir Clive's views emerged at the CBI's annual

dinner a couple of months ago when

the hour was late and the port was



### OUTLOOK

passing freely. Sir Clive quipped about applying his famous pest control techniques to the trades unions and generally poured scorn on Mr Blair's Third Way

Some of that came out yesterday wheo Sir Clive was paraded before the Press. even though it was couched in more diplomatic language. It would be no surprise to see a harder, more robust edge developing in the CBI's relations with the Government as the months roll by.

All of which will make for interesting times at Centre Point, and nowhere more so than in the newly refurbished offices of the CBI's director general "Red" Adair Turner. Sir Clive could not heap enough praise on his DG yesterday, for his

least, for the piece of creative accounting which has miraculously rescued the CBI from a £5m "negative reserve" and returned it to solvency Sir Clive and Mr Turner both profess out to recognise their respective reputations as unreconstructed Thatcherite and model New Labourite. They will rub along just fine, we are told.

All the same, it would be amazing if were oo sparks. And if that sharpens up the CBI's edge in its dealings with the Government, it will be no bad thing.

### Liffe's man of the future

LIFFE SEEMS to have made an inspired choice in Brian Williamson as its new executive chairman - it might be said that it is about time Liffe did something inspired. The hidden hand of the Bank of England must surely have been in there somewhere. As a former chairman of Liffe and one of the foursome who helped set up the futures exchange in the early 1980s, he's certain to go down well with the membership.

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News Analysis: After a run of soaring profits and shares, the bank sector is facing tougher times

THE UK BANKING SECTOR: HAS THE BUBBLE BURST?

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knowledge and intelligence and, not popular choice will provide a much geography, nation and region is rival financial centre in over the yesterday's DTI green paper, Regneeded boost. More important, however, Mr Williamson approaches of systems and technology. As fast the job with some genumely fresh as national and regional markets ideas about how to develop the marconsolidate, merge and link one ket and exploit London's strengths with another, technology allows as a financial centre. competing cross border systems to Some of these are borrowed from spring up, many of them cheaper and

Nasdaq, the US electronic stock more user friendly. market where Mr Williamson served Thus Liffe, with its sentimental atas a governor until last April. The tachmeot to open outcry, has found most important lesson to be learnt itself trounced by the Deutsche Terfrom the success of Nasdag is that minboerse's screen based system on it is wrong and complacent for exthe all important German bund conchanges to think of themselves as tract. This is oot because the busigrand old institutions with a God oess has drifted back to Frankfurt. given right to exist. Rather they It hasn't. The majority of bund tradshould regard themselves as busiing still takes place in London, but nesses serving the interests of memrather than going through Liffe, it is bers and customers. now being conducted via the Frank-

When Nasdaq discovered that furt based system. many of its members were devel-This is the way of the future, and if Liffe is to survive and prosper it oping their own proprietary trading must learn to leapfrog its competisystems, which in some cases were faster, cheaper and less regulated tors io the same manner. Mr than its own, it successfully re-Williamsoo seems to understand sponded in kind with even better and these things better than his predefaster systems. Staying ahead of the game in terms of technology and Most important of all is the recogsoftware is key to success in finan-

nitioo that the big growth in derivatives these days is not so much in the standard, off the peg products provided by the likes of Liffe, but in customised over the counter offerings, London is streets ahead of any gets past the executive summary of

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rapidly giving way to another - that counter business. Liffe already provides the pricing benchmarks for these products but it doesn't derive any value or business from them. If Liffe could find a way of exploiting the OTC market, it might provide a whole new beginning. But as Mr Williamson is only too aware, many others are thinking in exactly the

### No big bang for communications

SO THE Government has rejected a radical, big bang approach to reform of the way communications companies are regulated, and instead opted for "the evolutionary path" to coping with the onset of the digital age. Who would have expected any thing else of New Labour? What this seems to mean is that the four organisations presently involved in regulating telecommunications and broadcasting - Oftel, the Office of Fair Trading, the Independent Television Commission and the DTI - will carry on much as they are, only they will be expected to work more close-

ly together than they have been. Well there's a thing. Anyone who ulating Communications: ap proaching convergence in the digital age, will be doing well

This is not a document that seems to add much to the debate about how public policy should respond to the convergence of telecommunications and broadcasting. At present, all four regulators find themselves constantly stepping oo each other's toes, while the combination found in the FTC of responsibility for both content and economic regulation of some parts of commercial TV seems strangely out of place in the modern

The really important issue issue of how to protect public service broadcasting while at the same time allowing ITV the freedom it needs to develop and respond to an increas ingly competitive world, is hardly addressed at all.

The obvious answer to this, as Gerry Robinson, chairman of Granada, and others, have reneatedly said is to enshrine protection of public service broadcasting in a licence funded BBC while letting ITV get on and do its own thing in an unregulated free for all. Labour may get there eventually, but there are a good few evolutionary leaps yet to be

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banking sector is bleak is over-

stating the point. The UK econ-

omy may be slowing, but it is a

long way from recession. The

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ened, but its impact has been

limited to a handful of UK banks

which have so far cootrolled their exposure to the region

well. UK regulators may be

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IN BRIEF

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may stand down MIKE JACKSON, the chief executive of Birmingham Midshires, is expected to stand down if Halifax's £780m

Mr Jackson broke off a £630m deal with Royal Bank of Scotland in February. : Birmingham Midshires has been seeking to secure terms from the Halifax similar to ::. those offered by Royal Bank of Scotland, which included a guarantee of no job cuts for three years and a retention of the Midshires brand, But it is suggested that Halifax is : ... now unwilling to match all of Royal Bank's promises.

### Kingston buyout KINGSTON Communications,

the municipally-owned telecoms operator, has sold Kingstoo SCL its software business, to a management buyout team for £65m.

Kingston SCL is a leading provider of billing software and counts telecoms giants such as Britisb Telecom and France Telecom among its customers. The buyout of SCL, which employs 500 staff, is being supported by veoture capitalists 3i and the Royal Bank of Scotland's development capital arm.

### Telecoms delay

THE INTRODUCTION of a service which allows telephone users to select long-distance telecoms operators automatically has beeo delayed beyond its original start date, Oftel, the telecoms watchdog, announced yesterday. Due to technical changes

required, BT will not be ready to start carrier preselection by January 2000 as required by the European Commission, but will introduce it later in the year. Carrier pre-selection allows telephone users to use different telecoms operators without first having to dial a complex code.

# **Bols sold to CVC**

THE TROUBLED five-year marriage between Dutch spirits manufacturer Bols and foods group Wessanen ended yesterday, as Royal BolsWessanen sold its Bols Coyal Distilleries to CVC Capital Partners, the venture capital group. The distiller, which generates annual turnover of about 500m guilders (£150m), is being sold in a deal which will generate "substantial" 1998 book profits.

# Japan bribe case

THE JAPANESE Ministry of Finance has dismissed former securities bureau deputy chief Takashi Sakakibara and inspector Toshio Miyano, four months after their indictment on charges of accepting bribes from brokerage houses.

ministry officials said. In a court hearing for Mr Miyano, who has been on leave along with Mr Sakakibara since 25 March, the prosecution demanded Mr Miyano pay fines of 5.36m yen (£24,000) and be jailed for three years. The ministry also sanctioned five former <sup>superiors</sup> of the two men, with pay cuts or admonitions.

# Banking's glitter begins to fade

bid for the society succeeds. By Lea Paterson LATER THIS week, Northern Rock will kick off the banking

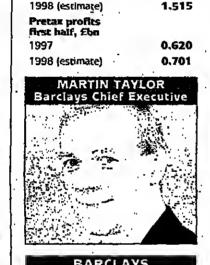
reporting season when it sets out details of its first-half profits. The recently-demutualised Northern Rock - like most of the 10 UK banks scheduled to report first-half figures over the next fortnight - is widely expected to announce record earnings.

Indeed, with one or two notable exceptions, UK banks have had a cracking run over the last year or two, enjoying more or less uninterrupted growth in profits and soaring share prices. Banking shares bave figured among the top tips of most City pundits, and those small investors with the sense to hang on to their building society windfall shares have been well rewarded. But with growing competitioo in the sector, a tougher regulatory stance and a slowing UK economy, is the City's love affair with the sector coming to an eod?

Some say the popularity of the UK banks is already on the wane. In receot weeks, a number of leading City brokers have downgraded profit forecasts, citing a range of concerns from deteriorating credit quality to fierce competition in the mortgage market to the costs of sorting out the pensions misselling débacle. And although banking shares are still broadly speaking - doing well, most banks are trading off the record highs earlier this year. Is this a temporary blip, or has

the banking bubble burst? Worries about the UK economic outlook are uppermost in the minds of many banking analysts at the moment. The UK economy is slowing more sharply than commentators were predicting just a few months ago. Although economists generally agree that the economy is unlikely to tip into recession, most experts have downgraded their forecasts for output growth.

A slowing economy means banks are likely to see in-



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say experts, could hit profits.

lyst at Salomon Smith Barney.

said: "With our current eco-

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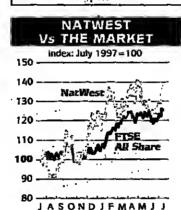
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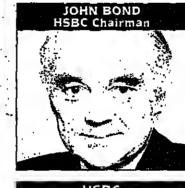
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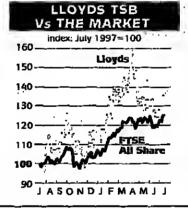
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# Stagecoach bids for longer rail franchise

airports group, is to press for an extension to its seven-year franchise to run South West Trains and has pledged to invest up to £300m in new rolling

stock if its bid is successful. The group will commit itself to improving punctuality and service standards on the line in an attempt to persuade the franchising director to agree an

extension, probably to 15 years. The South West Trains franchise is due to run out in 2003 and involves the payment of £367m in subsidies to Stagecoach. The generous level of support reflects the fact that it was one of the first deals struck under the previous Conservative government's rail privatisation programme.

STAGECOACH, the bus, rail and BY MICHAEL HARRISON

Mike Kinski, Stagecoach's chief executive, said: "Franchise extensions are back on the agenda and we are keen to renew the franchise subject to sensible terms."

South West Trains' operating profits rose from £8m to £22m last year after subsidies of £63m. Stagecoach is investing £100m on a fleet of 30 new Class 458 trains which will be introduced from this autumn. Depending on the duration

of the extension, the company would replace its remaining 90 Mark 1 slam-door trains at a cost of up to £300m, says Stagecoach. In return, it would expect to continue receiving subsidy for the life of the franchise.

Unveiling a 32 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £158.5m, in line with the group's forecast in April, Mr Kinski indicated that Stagecoach had the capacity to invest a further £400m in acquisitions. It is looking for further leasing deals for its Porterbrook train leasing business and is keen to acquire

more airports to add to Prest-

wick airport which it bought for

£41m earlier this year.

Mr Kinski said the Government's transport White Paper was positive for its bus operations and neutral for its train businesses. The shares fell 54p. or 3.5 per cent, to 1,330p due to profit taking and disappointment that there were few unexpected measures in the White Paper.

# the world economy down'

THE COSTS of fixing the millennium computer bug will lead to slower economic growth and higher inflation until well into the next millennium, according to a study released today.

for the UK banks - a tougher reg-

ulatory stance. Shares in North-

ern Rock fell 10 per cent on the

day the Office of Fair Trading an-

nounced it was investigating al-

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has been taken by the OFT.

However, the watchdog is in the

middle of a wide-ranging in-vestigation of the UK banking

Northern Rock has since

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ing, the leading think-think, has calculated that the costs of preparing computer systems for the millennium computer bug, and the disruptive effects of some computer networks crashing after the turn of the century, will slow world gross domestic product growth by 0.3 per cent à year.

Oxford Economic Forecast-

The figure sounds relativey small. But 0.3 per cent of the US economy is worth \$30bn. Moreover, the figure has a large effect because it continues over an extended period of time.

By PETER THAL LARSEN

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Regulatory concerns are not limited to banks' management

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Millennium bug 'will slow

pect Lloyds' rivals to follow.

OEF calculates that, in today's money, the cumulative cost of the millennium problem is 6 per ceot of the world's GDP. This year, the world economy is widely expected to grow by around 2.3 per cent.

OEF divides its study into two parts: First, it looks at the costs of fixing systems that suffer from the problem, which arises when computers store the year as a two-figure number. This makes it impossible for

them to tell the difference between the year 1900 and the year 2000, and raises the possibility that entire networks

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volves re-writing buge swathes the productivity of the economy of computer code, is costing companies a fortune. Current

estimates suggest that a total of \$450bn will be spent on converting computer systems. According to OEF, this spending is largely wasted, in

the sense that it does little to improve the efficiency of the economy. Although the study ac-

knowledges that some companies will use the cash to upgrade computer systems and istall new software, OEF reckons no more than 25-30 per cent of the spending is productive for the companies involved.

As a result, this spending is a drag on world growth, bemay crash after the millennium. cause it diverts cash from projects that would have improved

to areas where it is largely wasted. Because the economy then has less spare capacity, it will be more prone to overheating and inflation.

OEF also attempts to estimate the disruptive effects of computer systems crashing. Although it is hard to guess what will happen, OEF points out that firms may change their behaviour - by, say, closing down for a week after the New Year - even if the effects turn out to be fairly limited.

The study points out that infrastructure failures such as the breakdown of electricity or telecom networks would be most costly. It also argues that disruption could trigger a stock market crash.

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# Young's sees off the City in real ale battle

WANDSWORTH town hall in London has seen some political scraps between Labour and Tory, but yesterday there was different theatre on offer: local industry – in this case Young's, the brewer - versus the City.

Dressed in a white suit, perhaps to denote the good guy, was the 77-year-old brewing patriarch John Young, playing in front of a home crowd of real ale and real British industry fans.

In the dark suit was a 37vear-old New Zealander, Blake Nixon, representing Guinness Peat Group and the forces of darkness in the minds of most attending the Young's annual

general meeting.
On theatricals Mr Young won hands down although he had left at home the boxing gloves he had brought to a pre-

Yesterday his only prop was a dog's muzzle, which the threw into the air, saying he would not By Terry Macalister

about his company's success. Mr Young, flanked by other members of his family, played the patriot card, saying enough of British industry had fallen into foreign hands.

The message was clear: if Guinness Peat got its way. Young's would be hung up to dry in the City, forced to sell its brewery or sold off completely.

The Young's chairman occasionally lost the plot but his sheer bravado kept the home crowd behind him. By contrast, the calm and clinical words of Mr Nixon did nothing for the Young's lovalists.

His Antipodean background alone condemned him, in the eyes of one Camra real ale campaigner, who put the sorry state of the British beer industry down to the activities of "Aussie brewers".

But there were no XXXX he stopped from speaking words from Mr Nixon, who



John Young, the 77-year-old brewing patriarch, resisting demands for a change in voting structure at yesterday's meeting

avoided the personal but did not suggestions that this would enpull his punches when it came to attacking what he saw as the poor record of Young's man-

He insisted his only interest was to unlock shareholder value for everyone, If the company wanted to raise money for acquisitions it would need a ture, he insisted, dismissing ashamed of himself.

danger the independence of the 400-year-old Wandsworth

But few wanted to hear his message. He was told by one shareholder, Robbie Macfarlane, to "leave us alone and go home," while Kate Dobson, a charmingly ferocious 66-yearmore appropriate voting struc- old, told Mr Nixon he should be

She had three sons in the City and if any of them acted like he had done she would give them a sound thrashing, she

Mr Nixon, a former rugby player, seemed only slightly taken aback. He insisted he had not meant to be impolite and had only come along after failing to reach agreement with Mr

Guinness Peat will not be going away. "We will keep up the pressure until the [Young's share] price is at its right level £10." said Mr Nixon, Yesterday the voting shares were

steady at 807.5p. The result of the voting that took place was oever in doubt. Guinness Peat had come to call for changes in the Young's

Given that the Young family owns 60 per cent of the voting rights, it was inevitable that a series of four Guinness Peat resolutions would be heavily defeated by proxy.

But Guinness Peat claimed afterwards it had secured a enough votes - two-to-one of publicly held shares - to put the Young's board under a "fiduciary duty" to make changes.

# Diageo to lose Wild **Turkey** rights

By TERRY MACALISTER

DIAGEO, the world's largest spirits group, is to lose its dis-tribution rights of Wild Turkey bourbon in Japan and the US, its higgest market. Wild Turkey's owner, Pernod Ricard, plans to go it alone in a move which has triggered fears

that others could follow suit. Diageo's shares fell 19.5p to 755p after Pernod Richard said it wanted to take back the rights for Wild Turkey which expire later this year in Japan and early next year in the US.

"We think both in the US and Japan we can do better commercially," said a spokesman for Pernod. He added that Pernod is seeking to unravel equity links which pre-date December's merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan which led to Diageo's creation.

Diageo shrugged off the Pernod move as a typical result of a merger. A spokesman said: "There are only a handful of deals like this around the world, hut most of our volumes come from own brands anyway."

The distribution deal between Pernod and GrandMet was signed 15 years ago, Pernod is unhappy to have found itself competing with rival bourbons, such as George Dickel, when Diageo was set up.

The future of Diageo's other distribution agreements "depends on wbether there are conflicts between brands', said Mark Puleikis, an analyst at Merrill Lynch in London.

Diageo is already fighting in the US courts to prevent the Mexican tequila maker, Jose Cuervo, from trying to take back its North American distribution rights. The Mexican company argues that the Diageo merger represents a change of ownership allowing it to renegotiate the agreement before its 2010 expiry date.

There is also speculation about whether Diageo could lose its distribution agreement with Kentucky-based Brown-Forman, for which it distributes

# Airtours buys Direct Holidays for £81m

TWO SCOTTISH brothers were BY NIGEL COPE catapulted into the ranks of the Associate City Editor UK's richest men yesterday after they sold their direct sales boliday company to Airtours for

John and Hugh Boyle will net £42m and £14m respectively after selling Direct Holidays to the UK's secondlargest tour operator. Director and co-founder Paul Chestnutt

other £4m will be shared out among staff members. The remaining £16m will go to the Royal Bank of Scotland, which bolds a 20 per cent stake in the

This is the second fortune for John Boyle, who sold Falcon Holidays to Owners Abroad will also pick up £4m, while an- (now renamed First Choice rapidly in the UK.

Holidays) for £2.2m in 1982, Mr Boyle is a former "Entrepreneur of the Year" in Scotland and is one of the best-known businessmen north of the bor-

The deal is significant for Airtours as it was previously the only one of the leading three tour operators without a busi- Holidays, owned by Thomson, ness in the direct sales market, which has half a million paswhich analysts say is growing

Around 13 million Britons buy holiday packages every year, 1 million of them bought from the direct-sell market.

based in Glasgow, has 24 per cent of this market, with an annual passenger number of 230,000. It is second to Portland sengers and 50 per cent of the

player is Eclipse, owned by First Choice, with a 15 per cent

Airtours is funding the deal Direct Holidays, which is through a placing of 18.5 million new shares at 415p. Airtours shares closed at 450.5p, up 7.5p.

Airtours' acquisition of Direct comes a month after First Choice scooped up the tour operators Unifet and Haves & Jarvis in a double deal worth to the consolidation of Britain's erpool, Manchester and Newair tourism sector.

David Crossland, Airtours' chairman, said: "Airtours will work with Direct to develop and grow the business and take full advantage of the considerable synergies and opportunities for profitable growth."

Direct, which sells directly to total market. The other main 2134m, giving further impetus from Glasgow Edinburgh, Liv- than 40 per cent a year.

years its turnover has grown from £11m to £66m in the year to last September, during which it recorded profits of £1.3m. Brokers are forecasting a profits rise to £4m this year. The company was formed in

castle airports. In the last five

1991 by the Boyle brothers and the customer and by-passes Mr Chestnutt. It has been growtravel agents, operates tours ling at an average rate of more Jack Daniels and Southern

# Norwich Union calls for disclosure change

NORWICH UNION, one of the BY ANDREW VERITY UK's biggest life insurers, yesterday called for a wholesale shake-up of the way charges on life and pensions policies are disclosed, saying the system was failing to serve its purpose.

The call came as the insurer

varned of a slowdown in the savings market for the year ahead, despite an 11 per cent jump in sales in the first half of Norwich Union said hard

disclosure - regulations that

force investment firms to set out charges and the likely value of their policies - had failed to serve its purpose.

Hard disclosure was intro-flush out insurers charging too duced by the Conservative government in early 1995 in response to a public clamour

over the way policies such as

personal pensions and home in-

come plans were sold.



Philip Scott: 'The system hasn't worked'

much. They also hoped to stimulate competition by allowing prices to be compared.

But evidence has grown in recent months that charges have failed to fall since the By forcing discloaure of regime was introduced. A recharges, regulators hoped to cent survey by the Personal In-

vestment Authority, the per-sonal finance watchdog, showed charges had frequently risen in spite of disclosure.

Commissions to sales people the higgest chunk of charges on policies - have risen by an average of 50 per cent in the last

Philip Scott, managing director, said: "The system needs changing because it hasn't worked. Customers don't get the kind of information they need and it doesn't belp them make comparisons with other kinds of saving."

Norwich Union is urging

regulators to allow customers to compare charges at insurers with those at banks - where deposit accounts contain high charges in the form of lower in-

NU yesterday revealed an 18 per cent jump in sales of UK savings policies in first half of

terest rates.

# GEC's Marconi wins BT contract

GENERAL ELECTRIC Company Ple said its Marconi Communications unit won a £400m (\$659m) contract to supply equipment and services to British Telecommunications Pic for a high-capacity UK data network, Bloomberg re-

The contract is part of BT's £2bn project to upgrade its UK network to accommodate spiraling Internet, data and other multimedia traffic.

Equipment manufacturers are expected to gain from a surge in demand for data and Internet services around the world

BT said investment that supports data services has grown to about 50 per cent of its annual outlay, from below 5 per cent in 1994.

This is an excellent start for the new company which is positioned to exploit the trend among operators to increase investment in transmission systems," said Mike Parton, managing director of Marconi Communications, in a state-

The order brings to £1.1bn the amount BT has agreed to invest so far this year to attract more data to its network and away from its rivals, including Cable & Wireless Communications Plc and Energis.

Europe will grow to \$30bn in 2001, from \$1bn in 1997, according to International Data Corp., of Framingham, Mass-BT said that by 2003, the vol-

Internet revenue in Western

ume of Internet and other multimedia traffic will match the number of ordinary voice calls, which contribute some 90 per cent of its revenue now. It said the latest investment is being made to handle

new services such as electronic trading, mobile and broadband data integration and digital broadcasting.

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# S&N marked as bid target

SMITH & NEPHEW shares rose 12p to 172p against the market marked the company up as a akeover target, writes Clifford

This followed the sale by wiss group Roche Holding of ts 84 per cent stake in DePuy. 1 company making artificial oints, to Johnson & Johnson for 2.9bn (£1.8bo). Johnson & 500m to buy out the minority iolding in DePuy.

Roche, which bought DePuy last year as part of the takeover rend yesterday as the City of Corange, had put the business up for sale and Smith & Nephew was thought to be a possible buyer.

With DePuy, Johnson & Johnson will have almost 25 per cent of the world market in orthopaedic devices and access to the European market. More consolidation in the artificial Johnson will spend a further joint business and increased pressure on Smith & Nephew's existing orthopaedic division,

6 per cent, are likely to result. Pfizer has put its Howmedica orthopaedic business, which has 13 per cent of the world

market, up for sale. Sulzer Medical of Switzerland, which has 12 per cent of the world market, is favoured to buy it, analysts say. Smith & Nephew may try to buy another orthopaedic business, Zimmer, which has 18 per cent of the world market, from Bristol-

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# Swiss investor picks up HSBC stake

AS THE banking profits season gets under way tomorrow, HSBC, the old Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, finds itself pondering the intentions of Martin Ebner, the maverick Swiss investor.

He is happy to let the world know he has picked up 0.4 per cent (for around £168m) of the banking giant and may increase his shareholding. Mr Ebner is now in the Far East and is expected to hold talks with HSBC executives.

His BZ Group, controlling investments worth \$35bn, is the largest single investor in Switzerland's Credit Suisse and actively encouraged the giant banking merger between UBS and Swiss Bank Corporation. He also has 12 per cent of Roche, the giant Swiss drugs group. The 52-year-old investor has

achieved a reputation for stirring things at the companies which attract his attention - and cash. Even so, he will find HSBC, which ranks as Britain's biggest banking group. a difficult and powerful subject for his traditional combative approach.

The banking season starts tomorrow when Northern Rock, one produces its interim results. driven trading.



Around £105m against £63m is expected with charges against the previous year largely responsible for the upsurge

HSBC is due to report on Monday week. SG Securities is looking for a 4.3 per cent fall to £2.5bn. The shares, riding at 2,347p before the Asian crisis erupted, rose 32p to 1,673p in a generally weak banking sector, ruffled by Morgan Stanley caution

The rest of the stock market had another quiet session with the second day of 9ant opening failing of the new-style mortgage banks, to inject any early life into order-

Volume and interest were low ahead of US banking chief Alan Greenspan's semi-annual report to Congress. At least he managed to ease any worries of an early interest rate increase, helping to pull shares off their worst levels.

Footsie's six-day winning steak came to an end with a 46.3 points fall to 6.132.7. Earlier it was off 63.6. Supporting indices also weakened.

British Aerospace was the best performing blue chip, climbing 20.5p to 492p on reports that Airbus Industrie, where BAe has a 20 per cent stake, was near to clinching a \$3hn US order from United Parcel Services. BG's remarkable progress continued with a 7.5p rise to 392p, and Reuters, the information group, improved 12p to 631p ahead of today's interim figures. Around £290m against £333m is expected. The shares were more than 750p six

Imperial Chemical Industries, reporting tomorrow, was also weak, off 20p at 929p. An interim figure of around £200m against £160m is

SmithKline Beecham fell 32.5p to 745p on its results, and Stagecoach was another to run into sell-

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RMC, the building materials group meeting analysts, fell 11p to 969p. Panmure Gordoo downgraded its estimates to £312m from £335m. BT, up 2.5p to 829.5p, has signed

a three-year supply deal for transmission equipment with General Electric, 5p harder at 544p. Diageo, the spirits giant, weak-

ened 19.5p to 755p on worries about rose 3.5p to 226p. Whitbread is GILTS INDEX: 105.79 +1.24

the future of some of its smaller distribution deals following signs that the French group Pernod Ricard is about to find another distributor for

its Wild Turkey bourbon whiskey. Shield Diagnostic, developing a test for detecting heart problems. jumped 42.5p to 580p as Dr Erling Refsum of Nomura put a potentia 2,220p price tag on the shares.

Shire Pharmaceuticals, after its Alzheimer's run, shaded 2p to

Smith & Nephew, which has fallen sharply this year, perked up 10p to 170p as takeover speculation reappeared. Johnson & Johnson, the US group, is buying DePuy, an artificial joints maker, from Roche for \$3.5bn. S&N has often been linked with J&J in the past.

Pilkington, the glass maker, cracked again, off 5.5p to 107.5p, lowest since February, as worries returned about current trading. A downbeat message is expected at the coming yearly meeting. Last year Pilks lost £100m against a £77m profit.

There was a flurry of late activity in Thistle Hotels, which is considering bid approaches. The price

emerging as a possible contender THE SO-CALLED Falkland to bid. The shares dipped 4p to

961p.
The hard-pressed pubs chain Regent Inns was little changed at 171.5p. Merrill Lynch, although cautious in the sbort term, has put out a long-term buy signal. It says the company, following its profit warning, is "a shadow of its former self" hut changes now being introduced could make the shares "an attractive recovery play on a two-year

JJB Sports continued to enjoy the support of stories of a corporate strike. Umbro, the sports goods maker, is named as one possible target. The shares rose a further 27p to 179.5p; they were 822.5p earlier this year.

Tradepoint, the stock market in miniature, continued to enjoy the Stock Exchange's discomfort following the move to later opening. The shares rose 7p to 33.5p, reflecting its decision to cut prices on early trades. Last year Tradepoint mas 148.5p.

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fivers were airborne again. Stories that Shell has drilled deep enough to get an idea about its well off the Falkland Islands sent Desire Petroleum and its followers higher. There are hopes that a statement will emerge this week. Desire rose 21.5p to 210.5p. Greenwich Resources and Westmount, with stakes in Desire, gained 2.25p to

25p and 9p to 122.5p respectively. Sodra, a Swedish group with Falkland interests which arrived on the market on Friday, was overlooked, sticking at 65.5p. The shares were introduced at around 55p.

PETRA DIAMONDS firmed 2p to 140.5p. There are suggestions it is near to making an announcement on exploration activities in Angola.

PROTEUS INTERNATIONAL added 4p to 40.5p. Developments are expected to be revealed about its BSE tests at tomorrow's shareholders meeting.

# SmithKline fails to convince the sceptics

YOU HAVE to feel sorry for Jan Leschly. The SmithKline Beecham boss may have been a fearsome tennis player, but in the battle with Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive of Glaxo Wellcome, he's come off second best. Ever since the two drug giants abandoned plans for a mega-merger, investors have been sceptical about Smith-Kline's future as an independent company. Glaxo has got off more or less scott-free.

Confused? Mr Leschly is. SmithKline, after all, is less dependent on a single blockbuster drug - its Augmentin flu treatment accounts for a fifth of drug sales - than Glaxo, which leans heavily on its Zantac ulcer treatment And SmithKline has a strong product pipeline, with four promising drugs in the final stages of development.

But shareholders remain sceptical. So when SmithKline yesterday reported slightly disappointing second-quarter results, which showed pre-tax profits rising by just 4 per cent to £362m, its shares tumbled 4 per cent, falling 32.5p to 745.5p. That despite SmithKline's insistence that full-year earnings, before currency factors, would show double digit growth.

Investors have two worries. The first is that SmithKline's established drugs will not produce much growth. The company yesterday made much of the success of Paxil, its anti-depression drug, and Famvir. used to treat herpes. But the absence of a bout of flu held back sales of Augmentin, so first-half revenues in the pharmaceuticals division, allowing for currencies, rose just 8 per cent.

The second worry is escalating R&D costs. Mr Leschly says spending will plateau when it reaches 16 per cent of sales. Given that the first-half ratio was 11 per cent, analysts fear that

profit growth will be constrained. What can Smithkline do? Another merger is off the agenda for now. Adopting an ambitious long-term growth target might help, but the probon factors such as clinical trials and regulatory approval that ended down 5p at 515p.

# INVESTMENT

**EDITED BY PETER THAL LARSEN** SMITHKLINE BEECHAM: AT A GLANCE

Market value: 1				6 months	n 30
Trading record	1995	1996	1997	1997	199
Turnover (£bn)	7.01	7.93	7.79	3.73	3.8
Pre tax profits (£bn)	1.62	1.55	1.65	0.76	0,8
Earnings per share (p)	1780	18.90	19.70	9.00	9.5
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are almost impossible to predict. With SmithKline shares trading on a multiple of around 35 times expected 1998 earnings, the upside looks limited.

### Villa deserves a higher place

ASTON VILLA'S share price has fallen faster than an Argentinian in his opponent's penalty area over the past year as foothall stocks have slid out of favour. Priced at 1100p on coming to the market a year ago, they have lost more than half their value since. This has angered Doug Ellis, Villa's veteran chairman, who feels his club

is now grossly undervalued. His comments about improving shareholder value initially boosted the shares yesterday but those gains soon disappeared as the market saw little of substance in the remarks. They

To be fair on Mr Ellis, this looks a hit harsh. Villa yesterday reported a doubling of fullyear profits to £10.8m, excluding a £942,000 net gain on transfer activity. Villa is one of the more solid Premiership clubs which, after an appalling start to the season, finished sev-

> added more than £1.8m to revenues last vear. Off the field it is extending the capacity of its stadium from 39,000 to more than 50,000 by the 1999-2000 season and is planning a hotel and more executive boxes. Broadcasting revenues jumped from £5.4m to £9.3m last year and Villa is keen to take part in a possible pay-per view

enth in the league and qualified

again for the Uefa cup, which

trial early next year. Season ticket sales could be a worry. The club kicked off last season with 24,000 season ticket holders. But after an 18 per cent hike in prices it has so far

On Greig Middleton's fore-

casts of £7.8m, the shares trade on a paltry rating of 11. They will not travel far until sentiment shifts more in favour of the sector but for a club with a valuable franchise the shares are cheap.

### **Incentives** keep MITIE ahead

COMPANIES ARE supposed to be sparing with their equity but MITTE chucks it around with almost gay abandon. The services group is a firm believer in employee incentives and therefore offers its managers shares when new businesses are started, often buying them out once the subsidiary is up and running.

The staff like a larger number of lightweight shares, which is why the company has decided to split them in half again, although, at around 300p, they are not exactly in the heavyweight

The system certainly works, as MITIE has just turned in its ninth successive year of 30 per cent-plus profit growth. In the year to March turnover rose by a modest 13 per cent to £236m, of which acquisitions and startups accounted for £2.5m. But profits were up 35 per cent to £11.1m, while earnings per share rose 27 per cent to 10.3p.

The company's strength is in the diversity of services it offers. It covers everything from engineering, air-conditioning, painting and plant hire to office cleaning and maintenance. MITIE grew successfully

through the last recession, so it sees little threat from a slowdown. The introduction of a minimum wage will only affect a small part of the cleaning services business. Meanwhile HAT Property Services, which MITIE bought from the receiver recently, will add £15m of sales in the current year. The company has also won several government contracts.

On a multiple of around 20 times expected March 2000 earnings, the shares, which have had a fantastic run hut dipped 11p to 310p yesterday, are high enough.

# for casino group LONDON Clubs International,

IN BRIEF

**Bahamas opening** 

the UK casino operator, is to lease a casino in a new resort being developed on Grand Bahama island. The resort is being developed by Hutchison Lucaya, a subsidiary of the Hong Kongbased Hutchison Whampoa and will have three hotels, two golf courses, a casino

and 30 acres of grounds. London Clubs is expected to invest about \$10m (£6m) in gaming equipment and fitting out the casino which will have about 30 gaming tables and up to 400 slot machines.

The shares rose 4p to 197.50, but are still 30 per cent below what they were in March before the Chancellor announced a hike in gaming duty. Profits have also been hit by the strong pound and the Asian economic crisis.

### **Boots buys**

BOOTS BOUGHT the hrand rights to two consumer healthcare brands from Klosterfrau in Germany for £15.7m on behalf of its Boots Healthcare International (BHI) business.

The hrands are Dobendan, Dolo-Dobendan and Dobendan X, a leading overthe-counter range of throatcare lozenges, tablets and liquid, and Migranin, an over-the-counter oral analgesic.

The deal represents an important step towards the fulfilment of BHI's ambition to be an OTC player in Germany. Boots said. The German OTC market - the largest in Europe - was estimated to be worth £3hn in 1997.

### **BBA** offloads Ajax

BBA HAS completed its exit from specialist electrical engineering after selling Ajax Magnethermic for £82m. Ajax is being taken over by a management huyout team which has the backing of Citicorp Venture Capital.

The huyout group is acquiring 85 per cent of Ajax, while engineer BBA holds on to a 15 per ceot equity stake.

Ajax's main husiness is the design, manufacture and marketing of heating and melting equipment.

# Ronaldo's own goal for Leschly

WHY DID Brazil lose the World Cup final? Forget conspiracy theories of French waiters serving poisoned food or corporate sponsors rewriting the team sheet - I can exclusively reveal that the heirs of Pele got a French stuffing because of SmithKline Beecham.

And I can rely on the words of Jan Leschly, SKB's chief executive and former tennis pro. Mr Leschly was regaling me yesterday with the story of Paxil, a drug developed by SKB which combats depression and panic attacks.

Mr Leschly is convinced that Ronaldo, Brazil's star striker, was treated with the drug after suffering a panic attack bours before the final. Mr Leschly said yesterday: "Ronaldo panicked. He went to the hospital. I'm sure he was given Paxil."

So if the drug worked, why was Ronaldo's performance so lacklustre? Mr Leschly's response was that Paxil "didn't start to work in time".

Come to think of it, I can't understand why Mr Leschly referred to the drug in the first place. "Paxil - it'll make you play like a plonker." Hardly a winning slogan.

DRESDNER Kleinwort Benson (DKB) has bagged its third hig hitter from UBS in a month. Michael Phair, one of the UK's leading telecoms privatisation advisers, is leaving UBS to become global head of Telecoms and Media in DKB's global corporate finance division.

Mr Phair follows colleagues TJ Lim and Conor Killeen to DKB. Mr Lim was head of fixed income at UBS and regarded by many as a rising star, while Mr Killeen was bead of UBS's global equity capital markets husi-

Mr Phair says their moves were unconnected with his but certainly didn't put him off. "Following the UBS merger with SBC only Warburgers were considered for the top jobs. So if I wasn't going to be global, I had to search for an alternative," be says.

Mr Phair is bullish about DKB's prospects. "We have the PEOPLE AND

# BUSINESS By John WILLCOCK



ONE OF the smallest companies in the world has taken on one of the biggest - and won. David Bowen, a former writer with the Independent on Sunday, has successfully defended his ownership of the title Net Profit, his Internet newsletter, against a similarly-named product launched by Mitsubishi, the giant Japanese conglomerate.

Net Profit is now two years

nld and is produced in East Dulwich by a staff of four Last autumn Mitsubishi Electricity's PC division launched a £750,000 advertising campaign in the UK. This included giving away copies of an Internet guide entitled: "Net Profit: How to put the Internet to work for your Business". Mr Bowen launched a legal claim for "passing off", and last week the two parties reached an out-of-court settlement. Good to see David triumphing over Goliath once

potential to be the European 'hulge bracket' investment bank. Warburg will have a big problem living up to its reputation in coming years. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell isn't shooting itself in the foot, but amputating it. This opens up the possibility of DKB waltzing through the middle."

The dozen-strong telecoms team at DKB will have to exnorth American and Asian markets, Mr Phair says.

This harks back to an earlier, happier time at Kleinwort in the 1980s, when the bank advised the UK government on the privatisation of British Telecom, the prototype for so many

state sell offs around the world. A Canadian who set out on the international trail 20 years ago, Mr Phair has been a commercial banker in Mexico, a private banker in Panama and a development banker in Washington. before arriving at NM Rothschild in London 10 years ago.

In London ever since, Mr Phair is married to an Argentine and has one child attending Oxford University and another at Harrow. He said he was sure his pre-

vious move, to UBS, was going take into account the quality of senior management". Ouch

ONE DOESN'T normally think of Lloyds TSB as being a big player in the rollercoaster world of derivatives trading. It was something of a shock, then, to learn that the staid old high street bank had just lost a team of no less than 11 interest-rate and foreign exchange derivatives traders to Commerzbank.

The German bank is expanding rapidly in London, and the current poaching is aimed at strengthening the treasury team in the UK, a Commerzbank spokesman said.

The team, which will be headed by Charles Porter, willhandle Deutschmark, US dollar, sterling and yen derivatives. A Lloyds spokeswoman was

keen to stress that the bank is still the solid, reliable institution we all know and love, rather than some fast-track gambling outfit. "Lloyds' strategy is different [to Commerzbank] in that we avoid higher risk and esoteric products," said the spokeswoman. "That strategy may not suit everyone and the team decided to pursue different strategies elsewhere."

Lloyds will go on trading derivatives, but only within its pand to around 20 or 30 to cope own ultra-cautious guideline with its planned growth into the own ultra-cautious guidelines,

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# **SPORT**

Cricket: Advances in pitch technology are held responsible for the decline of a famous English bowling tradition

# Finger spinners under threat of extinction

BY DEREK PRINGLE

WHILE THE overall health of cricket is a much discussed subject, one of its constituent parts is declining virtually unnoticed. Finger spinners, once a hardy species that came into their own during the mid to late sum- pitches it was played on. mer months, are in danger of going the way of the dinosaur and the dodo, their effectiveness as match winners diminishing by the season.

The issue that brought the prob-

iem sharply into focus was England's inability to take more than a handful of wickets in the last Test against South Africa. In fact, in three Tests this summer Robert Croft has yet to take a wicket with his off-spin, while Ashley Giles has now been dropped. At Old Trafford, neither threatened to turn a ball, let alone the match.

But if England's finger spinners have rarely dominated in the last decade - only Phil Tufnell has won Test matches - extinction threatens on a global scale. Of all the Test howlers who have taken 100 Test wickets since 1993, and there have been 11, only one is a finger spinner: Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan.

Meanwhile, the overriding reason for the decline, at least in England, appears to be the loss of a suitable habitat. Finger spinners, as opposed to wrist spinners - who by the nature of their action get a lot more rotation on the ball - require some loosening of the pitch's surface for the ball to purchase.

This is simply not happening, years, which is why finger spinners often resort to bowling into the footholes. It is mostly a negative ploy unless the batsman happens to be left-banded, in which case the offspinner is further disadvantaged

have undertaken a pitch re-laying and Saqlain Mushtaq, are two of the

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programme under the guidance of modern greats. Harry Brind, the England and Wales Cricket Board's inspector of pitches. During the late Eighties, when English cricket first began to search its soul, failures at Test level were blamed on county cricket and the

Most cricket squares, it was pronounced, were old and dead. Relaying two or three pitches per year with either of the loams, it was argued, would pep them up; the extra pace and bounce encouraging both strokeplaying batsmen, as well as fast bowlers.

The trouble is that the two loams have a higher clay content: around 31 per cent as opposed to the 24 to 26 per cent previously used. Ac- ward, while that of the ball has stood cording to Stuart Kerrison, the Essex groundsman, the surface now "binds much better than it used to".

and better husbandry in the autumn, as well as better equipment, means that today's pitches are often far more solidly constructed than their predecessors. Ideally spinners need pitches to crumble, which means more, not less, friable soil.

Keith Fletcher, a man who has been involved in first-class cricket since 1962, reckons that apart from The Oval last year, where England beat Australia on a pitch that turned extravagantly from day one, there bas not been a proper "bunsen" (bunsen burner/turner) for half a "All the relaid pitches tend to do,

and has not been for the past few as the game goes on," says Fletcher, "is crack and become more uneven, which further encourages pace bowlers."

The evidence, albeit over a longer time scale, appears to back him up. Last season, just three spinners were placed in the top 30 of the bowl-Surrey and Ongar loam soils. Over qualified, while the others, Shane the past 10 years most counties Warne (a wrist spinner in any case)

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Fifteen years earlier, in 1982, before pitches were beginning to be relaid, there were seven in the top 30. All finger spinners, and each quali-

fied to play for England. The lack of spinners' surfaces has not helped batsmen either. "When we go abroad and the pitch gets off the straight we tend to get bowled out," said Fletcher. "You can't really blame the batsmen, they just don't see 'turners' any more.'

Peter Such, the Essex off-spinner also believes that although pitches are the main culprit, the trend for big bats has further contributed to the shrinking role of the finger spinner.

"Bat technology has moved forstill," reckons Such, who has played oundsman, the surface now binds eight Tests for England. "You get these huge railway sleepers now, that Science, too, has played its part, duce an error, the batsman nearly always gets away with it. I've seen mis-hits go for six, while leading edges nearly always clear the infield."

Overall technique, especially the use of the front leg to pad away the ball has also contributed to the worldwide demise of the finger spinner. Once a niche becomes vacated, it is often filled by opportunists, which is why wrist spinners have

Tim May, a fine off-spinner who played for Australia, found that with Warne bowling around 30 overs in a day, he was a "bit of a spare part". Seeing his international future stymied, May promptly retired, and now runs the Players' Association.

Potential solutions to the problem are not simple and, according to groundsmen, it is not easy to get a four or five-day pitch to turn without risking censure.

"With a 25-point penalty about, it's ing averages. Indeed, only one of easier for groundsmen to play safe," The main culprits, it seems, are them. Phil Tufnell, was English said one county coach. "If 20 or more wickets fall in a day to seam on a green pitch, hardly anyone says a word. If the same amount fell to spin, there'd be bell to pay."

One idea would be to extend the five-foot follow-through mark currently allowed to bowlers. Allowing them to run onto the pitch as far down as, say, 10 feet, would create better and straighter rough for the spinners to bowl into.

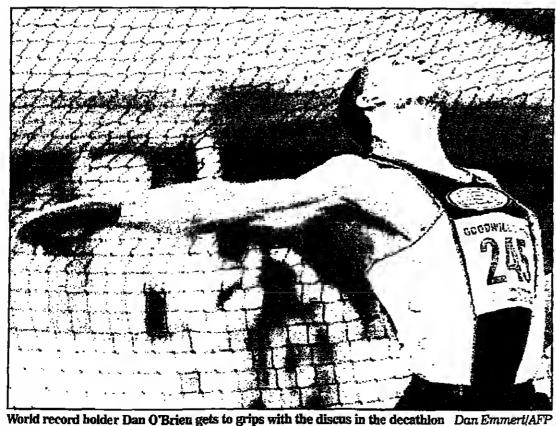
It would add a tactical dimension too. For instance, if you had an offspinner in your side, the faster bowlers might deliberately go round the wicket to create some rough for him later in the game. Certainly, that is the main reason why Saqlain is able to thrive as an off-spinner for Pakistan, and he would be far less effective if he did not have Wasim Akram's footsteps outside the righthander's off-stump as a target.

At present, cricket needs all the variety it can get. Unless we are happy simply slapping a preservation order on finger spinners something drastic must be done. If it is not, the last known finger spinner is likely to end up stuffed as a permanent exhibit in the Lord's museum.



Phil Tufnell has been England's only finger spinner of repute in recent years, but the decline has also been felt overseas

# Jackson comes down to earth in New York



COLIN JACKSON appeared in the Goodwill Games in New York on Monday night on the condition that be be flown to the event on Concorde. Once there, he managed a less than supersonic performance and had to be content with fourth place in the 110 metres hurdles.

At 31, Wales' world record holder has been back to his best this season, but he was no match for the Americans who filled the first three places with Mark Crear winning in a time of 13.06sec. Jackson could only manage 13.17 - well outside his fastest time so far this year of 13.07.

The American sprinter, Marion Jones, ran the fastest women's 200 metres in the world this year, lowering her own mark by breezing to victory in 21.80. The Ukrainian runner-up Zhanna Pintusevich was 66 bundredths of a second behind as Jones lowered her 1998 best of 21.98 and finished only four-hundredths off ber personal best.

It was a sprint double for Jones, the 100m world champion, who also won the 100m title on Sunday. Jones caused a brief stir when she said

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some of her opponents had been "trash talking". Asked to explain, Jones said a small group of runners, who she declined to identify, had tried to upset her in order to gain a mental advantage. "They say they know my secrets. It's a bit vexing." she said.

Not vexing enough to upset the tall American, though, who is enjoying a wonderful season on the track and now goes back to Europe and the Golden League circuit.

"It kind of wraps up a kind of a fun weekend bere," she said. "I am looking forward to going back to Europe and running fast and jumping

Dan O'Brien confirmed his status as the finest all-round track and field athlete of the 1990s before setting his sights on the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

The 32-year-old American won the Goodwill Games decathlon title in his first competitive outing since taking the 1996 Atlanta Olympic gold and in the process seriously threatened his own world record.

O'Brien compiled the highest total after nine events in the history of the event, but the effort required in his least favourite

discipline, the 1,500 metres, proved too much and be eventually settled for a total of 8,755. His world record stands at 8.891. "I know now that my body can

stand the training, and I'll be there in 2000," he said "I would like to go out in 2000 and score 9,000. I didn't know what my fitness level was coming into competition. With a better 400 and 1,500, I will get the world record. My performance bere certainly helps me focus on going to Sydney. I've had a tough year because I've lost two of my major sponsors. I was battling small injuries, too. My hamstring was tight all year. There were days when I would go out there and it would burt."

O'Brien said the key to the decathlon was taking one event at a time and being in shape. "The emotions and the brain were ready (for a world record)," he said. "But I didn't have the physical strength. I'm glad to be back."

Now he only needs to please his coach, Rick Sloan. Asked where Sloan was sitting during his sluggish 1,500 metres, O'Brien replied: "He'll be the guy in the corner sobbing about the fifth world record I've missed."

The best race of the night came in the women's mile when Russia's double Olympic champion, Svetana Masterkova, held off a challenge from 34-year-old American Regina Jacobs to win in 4min 20.39sec "She went out fast," Masterkova said. "It was my experience that belped me to win the race." Ireland's

Sonia O'Sullivan finished fifth. The Belarussian Ivan Ivankov added the Goodwill all-round gymnastics title to his 1997 world tifle. Ivankov, denied a chance of gold in Atlanta after rupturing an Achilles' tendon, recorded an aggregate 57,500 to defeat the Russian Alexe Bondarenko.

In the basketball competition, Brazil defeated Puerto Rico, con. querors of the United States of Sunday, by 96-92 in overtime. The United States, led by Wally Szczer biak's 23 points, rallied late in the match to beat China 91-76.

Bill May, the first male swimmer to compete in a major international synchronised swimming competition, took the silver medal with Kristina Lum in the duet section and was also part of the Américan team who finished second to Russia.



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# Atherton fit to face South **Africans**

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owling tradition

MICHAEL ATHERTON was yesterday cleared to play in the crucial fourth Test against South Africa at Trent Bridge tomorrow. The former England captain was hit on the hand olaying for Lancashire in Monday night's AXA League trimoh over Worcestershire at Old Trafford, casting a doubt over his participation at Not-

But as Atherton and the rest of England's 13-man squad assembled for practice yesterday, the physiotherapist Wayne Morton insisted: "He's fine. It's not a problem."

David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, yesterday hailed the role Lancashire have played in guiding the talented ung batsman Andrew Flintoff from a promising youngster, through his growing pains, to the verge of his first Test ap-

Flintoff's selection owes much to his powerful and at times brutal batting style, hut his recovery from a long-standing back complaint has enabled his inclusion as a batting all-rounder down the order, ca pable of delivering several overs of deceptively quick seam

Graveney said: "I think Lancashire have done a fantastic job - it would have been very easy to allow him to bowl lots and lots of overs this season.

The spells he has bowled this season have got bigger and bigger, hut even though he has taken a couple of wickets they have called a halt and let someone else bowl.

"I have no doubt that Andrew can develop into a Testclass, all-rounder, Before he had these problems with his back, he was a player who had fantastic capabilities both with the bat and the ball, hut a voung cricketer's growth can often be a problem."

Whether England can fit him into their side remains to be seen, having selected Ben Hollioake for the last Test at Old Trafford, only to overlook him this time in favour of a second spinner to complement Robert Croft of Giamorgan.

Unlike Hollioake, his teammate on this winter's A tour to Kenya and Sri Lanka, Flintoff has a good chance of playing. with England desperate to improve their disappointing first-

innings batting displays.
Flintoff is likely to bat at No 7 if selected, which would mean one of England's strike bowlers -possibly Angus Fraser - dropping out.

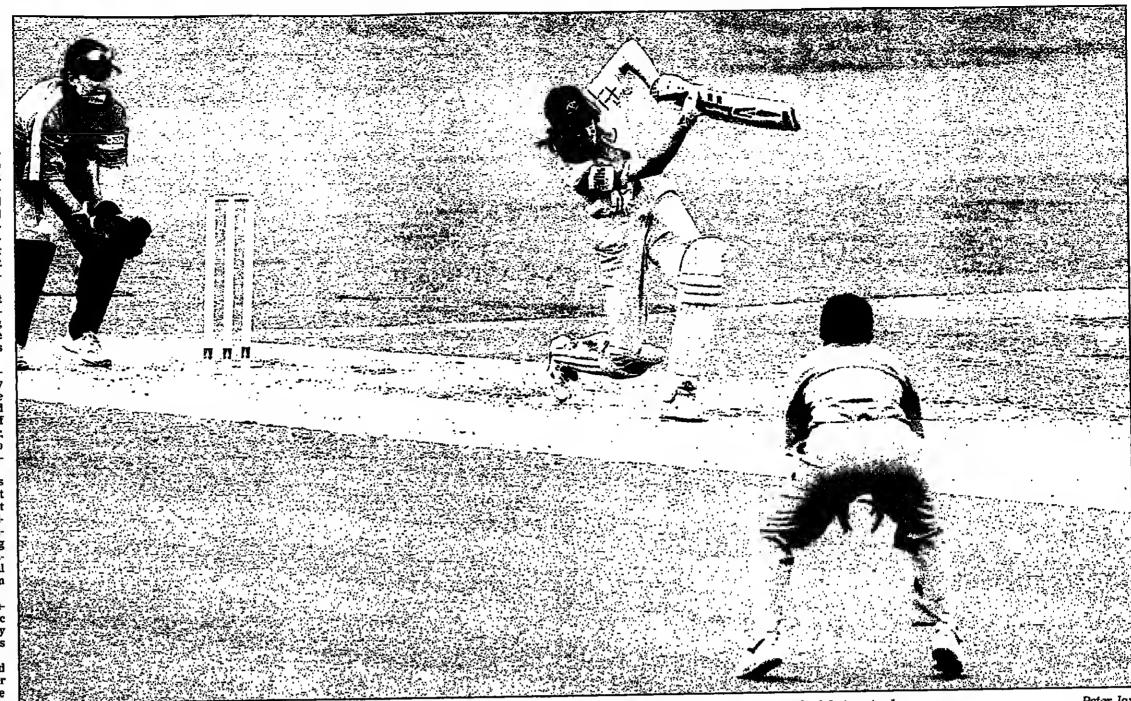
But, while Flintoff frets over the possibility of playing his first Test. Graeme Hick is welcoming his return after a two-year absence by insisting he has cured the nerves and anxiety which undermined the previous 46 Tests in his career.

"I don't feel as anxious as I did in the past," Hick said, after being pencilled in to hat at No 6. "Two years out of the side makes you sit back, try and learn a bit and listen to what people are saying."

My career has had ups and downs in it. There have been some good knocks but also some ordinary ones, and I am hoping the extra confidence I have now will take me on from here."

Graveney will consider the demands of the counties by releasing at least one player from the 13-man squad today after inspecting the Trent Bridge pitch.

Australian becomes the first woman to score 100 at Lord's as Australia complete one-day whitewash



Lisa Keightley, of Australia, puts the England bowling to the sword on her way to becoming the first female centurion at the home of cricket yesterday

# Historic century for Keightley

BY DAVID LLEWELLYN at Lord's

Australia 256-1 England 141-7 Australia win by 115 runs; Australia win series 5-0

ANOTHER BARRIER fell to Australia's Lisa Keightley became the first woman to score a century at the headquarters of cricket. So one more hurdle down, just a further 7,875-odd to go, that being the number of MCC memhers who voted against allowing women to join

For the 26-year-old Keightley

it was a moment to savour, but typically she put her team first. I did not know anything about being the first woman to score a hundred at Lord's until it was announced a short time afterwards," she said. "But I feel

Sharon Bayton, the chairan of the Women's Cricket Association, said: "I'm very pleased for Lisa and it is terrific for woman's cricket in general. What I would like to see would be England winning, hut globally I want the women's game to be regarded as a spectacle, something that people will want to watch. Therefore, any century, by any nationality, is welcome."

Sadly, only a few hundred 50s. On this tour her average the historic moment when Keightley, full of delicate dahs, cruel cuts and dashing drives, ran three runs off the 130th ball of her innings to take her to three figures. At took her 155 minutes and included six fours.

Born in Mudgee, New South Wales, Keightley began playing cricket when she was 11, taking on her three brothers in the garden of their home. She went on to play for her country at under-18, under-21 and youth levels before graduating to the full Australian team. She has appeared in 22 internationals scoring two hundreds and five

people were in the ground at score in the five limited overs internationals is a highly impressive 85.

England were thoroughly outclassed yesterday, with the exception of the England captain Karen Smithies, who scored a gutsy, unbeaten 62. They did not have a bowler with the pace or penetration of Cathryn Fitzpatrick, or the ac-

curacy of Charmaine Mason. Fitzpatrick was outstanding 10 overs, while Mason had a miserly 1 for 24 from her full allocation.

But the day belonged to the

their captain Belinda Clark wooden trophy shaped like a compiling a truly superh 89. cricket ball.

The form of Keightley and Clark and the Australian's allround excellence bodes ill for England, who approach the Test series, which begins at Guildford on 5 August, having suffered a 5-0 whitewash in the one-day internationals.

And they are Ashes. Not the Ashes, hut certainly the hurned residue of an autographed bat. It was placed finishing with 5 for 47 from her in a wok on Monday, along with the constitution and badge of the WCA then set alight in a modest ceremony in the Memorial Garden at Lord's Australian batswomen, with before heing put into a hollow

The chances of England get-

ting their hands on the trophy are slim, hut all could change now that the WCA, already partially digested by the all-consuming England and Wales Cricket Board, will be finally consumed at the end of Sep-

it give us the ability to hring structure will be set up hased many more girls to play club cricket," she said.

cricketers in this country in 82 clubs, hut Australia can call on a pool of some 23,000 women and so dominate the world game. From October the women's

game will be looking to appoint performance director, who will in turn select a coach, fulltime or part-time, hut paid el-It could only do the ther way. The present eoach, women's game in this country Megan Lear is, like almost good according to Bayton. everyone involved in the WCA, The key to the merger is that an amateur. A proper coaching the game to a wider audience on the ECB's county boards. and create opportunities for After that the only way for woman's cricket in England should he up.

# Tourists consider replacing Klusener

BY MYLES HODGSON

PETER POLLOCK returns to the scene of one of his finest triumphs today to discuss whether South Africa's multitalented squad can afford to continue their tour of England without replacing their key allrounder, Lance Klusener.

Pollock, a former South African fast bowler and now convener of their selectors, estahlished his reputation by claiming a 10-wicket haul at the 1965 Trent Bridge Test, in

which his hrother Graeme hit a brilliant 125 to help clinch South Africa's first triumph on English soil for 10 years.

But instead of reminiscing about former glories when England and South Africa assemble at Nottingham for this week's fourth Test, Pollock will instead be sitting down to discuss the loss of Klusener after X-rays in Pretoria revealed

tendon damage in his left ankle. Klusener is due to undergo an operation today which will sideline him for around three

Commonwealth Games at Kuala Lumpur in September hut giving him plenty of time to recover for November's home series against the West Indies.

For now, Pollock's immediate concern is whether to send for a replacement in time for the fifth Test at Headingley and the triangular one-day series against England and Sri Lanka next month, or stick with the remaining 16 members in the

No decision on whether to

made until Pollock has discussed the situation with the South Africa coach, Boh Woolmer, and the tour manager, SK Reddy. Replacing Klusener is not likely to he easy.

however, such is the impact he has made as a penetrating back-up for South Africa's newball attack and as a combative lower order batsman. "It's obviously disappoint-

ing for Lance because he's had a very good tour and has made a big contribotion, hut he can

months, ruling him out of the call up an extra man will be now concentrate on his recovery after he's had the operation," Woolmer said.

"We're very pleased because we have found out what the problem was. It's been a hit of a mystery up to now, hut now we know the problem we can take steps to cure it."

Klusener was flown to Pretoria on Friday to consult the specialist Fif Ferreira, who has treated both Shaun Pollock and Allan Donald for similar injuries, after attempts to identify the problem failed in England.

tially optimistic that Klusener, who sustained the injury in Old Trafford's deep footholes during the last Test, could return this week, hut after hreaking down during a fitness test at Centurion Park, further X-

But although Klusener's operation was disappointing for the tourists, there was better news about both Shaun Pollock - Peter Pollock's son - and Jacques Kallis, who both returned from recent injuries to

rays revealed the damage.

The South Africans were ini- complete thorough workouts during the drawn tour match against Derbyshire.

Pollock was ruled out of the third Test with a thigh strain before sustaining hamstring trouble, but returned to successfully deliver 31 overs at Derby without any adverse reaction.

Kallis, who strained his hamstring in Manchester, also got through 28 overs as Derbyshire, resuming 59 adrift on 57 without loss, reached 337 for 4 at the close after their opener Michael

### CRICKET SCOREBOARD

**AXA** League Warwickshire v Essex EDGBASTON (Day 1 of 1): ESSEX - First Indiag 35 53 15 47 37 \*P J Prichard b Sheikh S G Law c Welch b Smith.... S O Peters run out ................ R C Irani not out ......................... O R Law c Brown b Shelkh . A P Grayson not out ... Extras (lb2 w1 nb2) ... 4-140. Such.

Bowling: E Giddins 5-0-11-0, G Welch 4-0-22-0, M Sheikh 8-0-44-2. O Brown 4-0-13-0, A F Giles 5-1-22-0, N Smith 5-1pires: H O Bird and K E Palmer Essex (7) Lancashire (3) Middlesex (16) Warwickshire (1) Leicestershire (4) Hamoshire (15) Kent (2)

Northants (9)

Gloucs (11) Notts (12)

### Fifth Women's One Day International England v Australia

LORD'S: Australia beat England by 114 runs

AUSTRALIA — First Inding .....89 0 10 115 118 .....113 0 7 140 175 .....42 0 3 47 55

Extras (lb1 w9 nb2)...... Total (for 1, 50 overs) -Fail: 1-171. Fail: 1-171.

Did Not Bat: K Rolton, M Jones, B Caiver, O Magno, 1J Price.
C Fizzpacrick, C Mason, A Fahey.
Bowting: C L Taylor 7-0-37-0, S Collyer 10-2-42-0, K 5michles
10-0-46-0, C Connor 6-0-31-0, K Winks 6-0-41-0, K Leng 6-0-30-0. M Reynard 5-1-28-1.

ENGLANII — First innings M Reynard b Fitzpatrick..... 

Umptres: L Elgar and J West. Today's fixtures (11.00 unless stated) Britannic Assurance Championship. (Day 1 of 4). Colwyn Bay: Glamorgan v Lancashire. Cheltenham: Gl tershire v Surrey. Portsmooth: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire Lord's: Middlesex v Yorkshire. Northampton: Northampton

# Lancashire struggle to fill front-line void

LANCASHIRE GO into today's County Championship game against Glamorgan fresh from Monday's uplifting last-hall AXA League win over Worcestershire, hut with their resources tested to the limit by Test calls and injury.

Mike Atherton and Andrew Flintoff are required by England at Trent Bridge, while Neil Fairbrother is sidelined by an ankle injury, forcing Lancashire to make changes to their team against the title holders at Colwyn Bay. Nathan Wood, Paddy McKeown and Mark Chilton have been called up to fill the void in their frontline hatting.

The floodlit AXA win, watched by more than 9,000 at Old Trafford, put Lancashire second in the one-day table and has left a feeling of wellbeing in the ranks.

Jim Cumbes, Lancashire's chief executive, said: "If we had

got another low gate we might have been forced to reconsider our day-night plans for next season. But this game proved we are on the right track." Glamorgan may be forced to

play both their wicketkeepers today. Adrian Shaw and Ismail Dawood look set to make the line-up because of injuries to the regular opening batsmen, Steve James (finger) and Alun Evans (shin). The second team opener, Wayne Law, will have a fitness test on a recurrence of a hamstring strain before the line-up is finalised.

The Welsh side also have a problem in the pace bowling department, with Owen Parkin not fully recovered from the shoulder strain that has sidelined him for the last few weeks. Andrew Davies will play if Parkin is ruled out

at Northamptonshire will be

strengthened by the return of Phillip DeFreitas. The former England seamer has been missing for three weeks with tonsillitis and a knee injury.

The opening batsman Adrian Rollins is still out with a back problem, leaving Michael May to partner Michael Slater after the Australian's century against the South Africans at Derby on Monday. Tim Tweats is dropped after a run of low scores and is replaced by Robin Weston. Richard Montgomerie re-

turns for Northamptonshire after a six-week absence. The 27-year-old former Oxford University captain has recovered from a hroken right hand and will go in first with Roh Bailey in yet another top-order experiment. The county's highest opening stand of the season is still only 35, between Mont-Derbyshire's bowling attack gomerie and Alec Swann against Surrey in April.

# Scotland stumped by synthetic surface

Scotland 143-9; Netherlands 147-7 Netherlands win by three wkts

SCOTLAND OFFICIALS and players were angry last night after their European Championship hopes suffered a setback in The Hague. The Scots lost by three wickets to the Netherlands in a match staged on a pitch hranded dangerous by both sides.

Batsmen were peppered about the body, arms and hands as they tried to cope with the steep and variable bounce from a synthetic track laid on concrete. The new ball was virtually unplayable and, among the five top-order batsmen from either team, the leading score was 33 hy Scotland opener

Bruce Patterson. He said: "The ball just exploded at you - even from bowlers who are far from fast. One of the purposes of this tournament is to help develop the game among the lesser cricket nations. There's no chance of that bappening in these conditions."

Patterson and Co struggled to 143 for 9, with the Netherlands passing the target after their own nightmare. Luuk Van Troost took five cheap wickets hefore hitting 65 not out to guide his side to victory in the 48th over

The Scotland manager, Bert Barday, said: "We were assured before we came that all matches in the top division would be played on coconut matting, which has a consistent and regular bounce. When we arrived, we discovered the plans had been turned upside down by the Dutch authorities."

Their coach, Jim Love, added: "It was obvious from delivery number one that this surface was unfit."

The Netherlands manager, Hans Mulder, was equally scathing, saying: "We're just as unhappy as Scotland at having to play here. This ground was not on the original list of venues - and still should not be. The ball was doing very peculiar things from ordinary deliveries."

# Dettori splits punters

BY JOHN COBB

AN EARLY-MORNING warning emerged from the downlands of Arundel yesterday as Silver Patriarch put in an impressive Saturday's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, while punters are divided over Frankie Dettori's ability to chose his mount for the £600,000 race correctly.

Tested on the gallops of his trainer, John Dunlop, the grey signalled his well-being with a gallop that left his owner-breeder. Peter Winfield, in optimistic mood. "I went down to Arundel to see him do his final piece of fast work and the trainer and lad who rides are both very happy," Winfield said. Dominating on the gallops is

not guaranteed to translate into similarly devastating form

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: White Emir (Sandown 8.45) **NB:** Saytarra (Sandown 6.45)

on the racecourse and Silver Patriarch's weakness - a lack of alacrity in building up to top speed - will be fully tested on Saturday over Ascot's short finishing straight that is not conducive to developing momentum. It was a failing that was exposed at Saint-Cloud last time when he could not get that Dettori had chosen Swain cluded Romanov in the course's Grand Prix.

"It's not something that I'm too worried about," Winfield mindful of the fact that Frankie said. "It really just depends on chose the wrong one last year the pace as he does need a good gallop. But where he is on the bend coming into the straight is crucial. You wouldn't want him out with the washing next to Windsor Castle."

Silver Patriarch's lockey Pat Eddery, is convinced that the horse operates best on fast ground. Those conditions may well apply on Saturday with the official going described as good to firm and the weather yesterday dry and breezy.

### FIRST SHOW

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Arjan	<u>61</u>	92	9-2	5-I_	4-1
Leofric	13.2	32	7-1	7-1	13-2
Spyridard Distant	3.7	37	73-2	6-1	7-1
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but don't forget he won the Derby Trial at Lingfield when it was sloppy ground," Winfield said.

"You can never be over-confident about a race like this but piece of work in preparation for it's good to know that the trainer's horses are in great form and the owner is in form - my horse Florazi won at Newmarket last Saturday.

"We're capable of beating all of the others and they're all capable of beating us. My main hope is that he runs to his

an owner for more than 25 years, is determined to enjoy his best horse. "As long as he remains sound I'd like to keep him going next season. These classy middle-distance horses really come into their own at

Betting activity on the race esterday centred on the Godolphin horses, but while some punters perceived that Dettori had chosen correctly with Swain, others believe he has opted for the wrong one for the second successive year and supported the rejected Daylami.

Swain, last year's winner hut below-par in his last two outings, is now 9-2 with William Hill, from 6-1, while the firm's initial reaction to ease Daylami from 4-1 to 6-1 was seized upon by punters who forced his price hack to 9-2.

We reacted to the news on terms with rivals that in- as his mount and swopped him round with Daylami," William Hill's spokesman, David Hood, said. "However, punters were and have backed Daylami back in from 6-1 to 9-2 again." Down Royal racecourse yes-

terday announced plans for a £300,000 Northern Ireland racing festival in November of next year. Highlights of the all-National Hunt meeting on 5 and 6 November, 1999 will be the £100.000 Ulster Champlon Chase and £50,000 Ulster Champion Hurdle. It will be the biggest meeting in the history of racing in the province and "Pat has always said he's a has been underwritten for better horse on fast ground three years by the Northern Ireland Events Company, a Government-sponsored body set up to bring major sporting events to Northern Ireland.

> owner of the King George favourite, Royal Anthem, was beaten to the top lot at the opening session of the Keeneland Selected Yearling Sale in Kentucky, losing out to Satish Sanan in a duel for a \$2.2m (£1.3m) colt by Pleasant Colony. Sanan laid out a fotal of \$4.4m (£2.6m).

### RACING RESULTS

YARMOUTH

215' (1m 3t 10) yds maiden stakes) . MARCUS MAXIMUS ...K Fallon 8-13 fav Also ran: 11-2 Pagen (4th), TI-1 Whistle Test (5th) 66-1 Mi Picasso (5th).

6 ran, 8 31: 9 14, 3 (Winner chestrut colt by Woudman out of Star Pastures, trained by Henry Cecil at Newmarket for Wafic Said). Rote: \$160; \$110; \$170; \$150; \$190; \$252 2.45: (7f 2yo selling stakes)

oro Jack ...... W R Swinburn 4-1 Oz ..... O Sweeney 18-1 Also ram: 5-1 River Court (8th) 11-2 Had-eqa (6th). 14-1 Eblana. 25-1 Malchik, 33-1 Cloon Cree, Season of Hope, Ventura Island

by Salse out of Rambow's End, trained by Mick Channon at Upper Lambourn for amento La Nuova Sbarra SRL), Tota 5210 C120 STR \$480 DF \$360 CSF: \$647

Also ram: 7-2 tev Meranti (6th), 7-1 Nautical Warring, 8-1 Loganiea, Sea-Deer, 9-1 Con-trary Mary, Tropical Beach, 11-1 Moonstone (5th), 20-1 Gonoe (4th), Ivors Deed, Karin-

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3.45: (6t Sye handicap)
1. ABREEZE L. Dettori 11-4 fav
2. Tattinger N Calian 12-1
3 Pipe Song J Lowe 9-1
Also ran; 5-1 Royal Dream (4th), 8-1 East
Winds Ego Night, 9-1 Moon Tango, 10-1
Classry C'ea (5th), 14-1 Blundell Lane,
Eleventh Duke 16-1 Petarga (6th), 25-1 Julies
Jewel 35-1 Lang Island

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13 ran. 2%, 1/2, 11/2, 11/4, rik. (Winner bay col by Danag out of Procless Pearl, trained by Saeed bin Surcor at Newmarket for Godol-phm). Tote: £300; £130, £370, £360, DF: £470, CSF-£3748, Thoast: £26396.

4.15: (5f 43yds 2yo maiden stakes)

1. BALTIC LOWLANO L Dettorl 1-5 Fev Bevelone ...... J F Egan 20-1 Toy Trader .......... O Sweeney 14-1 

Green (etc.).

5 ram. 5, 1½, 2, sht-hd. (Winner bay colt by Gone West out of Polish Style, trained by David Loder at Newmarket for Shelich Mohammed, Totel: E120; £130, £330, DF: £410, CSF: £659

4.45: (Im 6f 17yds handicap) PRESSURISE G Ouffield 3-1
 Mail Shot JF Egan 12-1
 Dancing Queen L Dettori 9-1 Also rare 11-4 far Marufan, 5-1 Shohna Wa Jaah (Sith), 10-1 Such Boldness (6th), 12-1 Es Go. 16-1 Pertemps Misson, Petane, 20-1 Mechille, 25-1 Doublin Bay, Dover Sout, 33-1 Capa Siren, Shahran (6th), 33-1 Siightly Special 15 ran. 5. 2.2/s. 8.1% (Winner chashrut galeing by Sanglamore out of Employ Force, brained by Smallamore and M. Jonathon Carroll. Tota: £450. £250. £270. £270. DP: £53.00. CSF: £3745 Theast: £28565 Jackpot: £1075.70. Placepot: £10770 Quadpot: £106: Place 6: £5962. Place 5: £46.42

BATH

2.00: THICKET (T Sprake) 2-1 fav; 2. Red Delirium 11-4; 3. Addition 33-1, B ran, 374, 4. [R Chariton, Beckhampton), Tote: £380; £130, £150, £460, DF; £550 CSF; £693 2.36: RUDI KNIGHT (F Norton) 6-1; 2. Genetic 13-2; 3. Pay Homage 9-2 jt tav 9-2 jt fav Snow Partridge, 11 ran. Hd. 12. (M Fetherston-Godley, East faley), Total £1240; £330, £240, £220, DF: £5140, CSF: £4016. 3.00: REBEL COUNTY (C Lowther) 5-1, 2. Swift 11-1; 3. Fionn De Cool 9-1, 7-2 fav Bold King (8th). 13 ram. 11/s, shd. (A Balley, Parportey; Tota: 0550; 2220, 6220, 62340 DF: 6234.00 CSF: 652-90, Tricast: 6335. NR:

3.30: ABAJANY IA Mackayi 6-1: 2. Muhtafel 8-1; 3. Classic Manoeuvre 5-1 7-4 tay Lemon Bridge (5th). /ii. 1½ (M Chan-non, Upper Lambourn). Tote: £900; £400, £850 DF: £42.90. CSF: £46.62. 4.00: SHARAF (Dane O'Neil) 8-1: 2. Fast Forward Fred 11-2: 3. Woody's Boy 7-1, 5-2 fav Task Chrs. 11 ran. 2. 1 (W Mus. Lambourn).

The: 5591 5220 5251 5161 DF: 5160 CSF: 5250 CSF: 52503 Troast: 52627, NR Bowled Over, High On Life, Planst, Soverage Crest. CAT DA PARTS SOURCEST CHEST CONTROL AND MYTTONS MISTAKE (R Cochrane) 72-1; 2. Apple Sauce 25-1; 3. Cauda Equina 8-1, 4. Shafi 6-4 fav. 17 ran. Nr. 1 (R Hodges Somerton). Tota: £1480; £280, £380, £170, £100. DF: £16100 CSF. Placepot: 254160 Quadpot: 230090. Place 6: £48860. Place 6: £29562

Whatever happens, Winfield,

Prince Ahmed Salman,

### **HYPERION** 4.00 Blueballe 4.30 Venture Capitalist

**CATTERICK** 

2.00 Miss Grapette 2.30 Risky Way 3.00 Catch Me 3.30 Royal Doma

FAVOURITES: 193-473 (40,8%).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ski Jump (230).

5.00 Finisterre

GOING: Good (Good to Soft in places), STALLS: Inside,
ORAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5t.

Left-hand course, undutating and sharp, Not suitable for the long-striding horse.
Course is NW of town on A6136. Darlington station 14m - bus service to course.
ADMISSION: Cub C11; Tattersalls 57; Course 52.50 (under 16s free into all enclosures).
CAR PARK: Reserved area 52, remainder free.

LEADING TRAINERS: J Benry 30-177 (165%), a Hills 19-52 (36.5%), Mrs M Reveley 16-91 (75%), M Johnston 14-87 (161%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: K Derley 26-135 (193%), J Carroll 22-154 (143%), J Fortune 21-129 (16.3%), L Charmock 15-164 (91%).

FAVOURITIES: 133-473 (40.8%).

2.00 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,600 added 2YO 61 Penalty Value £3,366

1	ū	ALLRIGHTHEN (10) C. R Porry) T Wal 9 0
2	549	LAABED (19) (Ziad A Galadan) U Johnston 90
3	43	PROSPERMY (24) (Reg Griffin and Jim McGrach) T Easterby 66 F Egan :
Ā	5	TAMBARANN (8) (H H Aga Khan) Sr M Stoute 90 F Lynch
5		MISS GRAPETTE [11] (BF) (Mrs A E Pobertson) J Berry 8 9 J Fortune (
6		MORMING CHORUS (Mark Tomptons Racma) I.1 Temptons 8 6 A Michaels (7)
7	0	RING TRUE (26) (The Gordon Partnersho) J Bethel 89
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	TTING 7.	Mice Connette S.A Temberson Ad Denona-Su S.J Laubert 15-1 Morning Chapter

FORM GUIDE

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All righthen: 50-1, missed break and little riflad promise when 14th of 18, 22 lengths behand Exeat, at Haydock (61)
Labbed: Promise of Carisle debut fifth to Light Fingered unfulfilled and always struggling when 8 lengths fifth of 9 to Ace Of Parkes at Hamilton (51). Extra furlong may help Prosperity: Foliad to Improve on promising debut fourth to Princely Dream at York (61) when 7 lengths third of 4 to Etawasaul at Doncaster (61) but tooks capable of better Tambarany: Easy to best, stayed on well under tender handing when 4 lengths fifth of 8 to Asley on Brighton (61) debut. Should improve but could find this trip on sharp side Miss Grapette: Funning to consistent level of form and made most when 11-riength second of 7 to Ring Of Love at Chester (51). Unlikely to be the away. Morning Chorust: Prince Sebo filly out of an unraced mare. Stable among the juvenile wirners, so one to weach in the market. ated to three sharp winning sorts but no promise when 13t

of 14, beaten 29 lengths, to Claranna in 6t Newcastle

VERDICT: It could pay to give a second chance to PROSPERITY, who was get after his promising first run in good company and could still have been feeling the ef-fects last time at Doncaster. He could be more effective over the trip than the front-runbarenn, whose breeding (by Ezzoud out of a se ner) suggests this trip will be a minimum for him

2.30 HUDDERSFIELD SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £2,024

		Dadou E. O III onatty raide Export
	0414	OVER THE COUNTER (14) (D) (Over The Counter Pshot) U Channon 8 12 A Mackey
	33420	DYNAMIC DANCER (11) (Clayton Bigley Partnership Ltd) J J Civel 8 ti J Carroll
	0	IPPSTANCY (18) (Marquesa de Moralalia) J FitzGerald 8 11 J Fortuno
	0500	LASHKARI GOLD (8) (J Milner & S Milner) J Berry 8 11 C Lowther 1
	0634	LITTLE HENRY (15) (J G Winter P Exams 8 11 J F Egam 4 1
	6562	RISKY WAY (18) (J M @ Promotions Ltd) B Rothwell 8 11
•	ORB	TAURUS BAY (20) (Mrs. Janet McCabe) Ron Thompson 8 11 I Lowe 1
	600	BOLD FELICITER (36) (P G Arrey) O Molfatt 86 Desten Molfatt (3) 14
	060	FOREST GLADE (20) (D H Armitage) M Britan 86
)	0	MISS CODY (18) (M H Easterby) T Easterby 86 Charnock
ı	76	SKI JRIMP (18) (M J K Dods) M Dods 86
2	00	SMOKED PEARL (27) (K Hodgeon & Mrs J Hodgson) M W Easterby 86 7 Lucas 13
3		SUN OVER SANTIAGO (Florely Racing) H Alexander 86 R Winston (5)
1	54	THORNTOUN GOLD (22) (W M Johnstone) M Johnston 6 8

BETTING: 3-1 Dynamic Dancer, 9-2 Risky Way, 5-1 Over The Counter, 7-1 Lashkari Gold, Miss Cody, 5-1 Little Honry, 12-1 Sid Jump, Thornsoun Gold, 15-1 others 1997 Senti Circle 8 8 L Chamock 50-1 (T Easkirby) drawn (5) 12 ran

### FORM GUIDE

Over The Counter: Consistent performer in this grade end ran up to form when an 8-length 4th of 12 to Tampa Lady in Newmarket (7f) selfer Dynamic Dancer: Chance on length second to Clarania in Newcastle (6f) selfer but disappointed in Chester nursery last time and may naed easy surface ed from halfway when 13 lengths 12th oi 17 to Ferny Factors at

Irritaney: Faded from halfway when 13 lengths 12th ol 17 to Farmy Factors at Beverley (7f) on debut and has plenly to find with several of these on that Lashkarl Gold: Shoring down the grades and chence on staying-on 8 lengths 8th ol 14 to Casmir at Beverley (5f) Extra 2t should sult Little Henry: Showed Improvement when staying-on 5 lengths 4th of 17 to Ferry Factors at Beverley (7f) but will need more again Risky Way: Benetited from longer trip when caught close home, 14/- lengths second of 17. (or Ferry Factors at Beverley (7f) and will not be far away Taurus Bay: Reluctant starter twice and no obvious sign of ebility Bold Felliciter: Yet to make any impression three starts, including e seller Forest Glede: Seems to be deteriorating and was taled-oft last of 9, beaten 33 lengths, to Big Al in a Haydock seller last time Miss Cody: Snowed some potential when a staying-on, 7-lengths 8th of 17 to Ferry Factors at Beverley (7f). One to watch in the market Ski Jump: Something to find with several of these south of 17, beaten 61/- lengths, to Ferry Factors at Beverley (7f), but blinkered for the first time now

WORCESTER

HYPERION

2.15 The Cavlar Man 2.45 Sea Tarth 3.15 Pold-

en Pride 3.45 Balanak 4.15 Name Of Our

GOING: Good to Firm.
Left-hand course, level with long straights and easy turns.
Course is on A443 by the River Severn. Wordester (Foregate St) station im ADMISSION: Members £13; Tattersalls £10; Course

5) sacon im Almarsson: Members 25, isabrasis 210; Course CSO (CAPS 22.75). CAR PARK: Free; picric aree parking 53.

ILEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 48-142 (\$38%), D Nicholson 28-76 (\$65%), K Balley 20-78 (256%), G Balding 17-77 (22.1%).

ILEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 57-182 (23.7%), C Llewellyn 24-139 (173%), A Maguire 23-122 (193%), I Johnson 17-120 (14.2%).

IF AVOURTES: 239-621 (38.5%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Richas To Rags (215), Eloquent Lawyer. Equatime (245), Zine Lane (445). LONG DISTANCE TRAVELLER: Fiveleigh Builds (315) & Tarajan

2.15 LINCOMB MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS D)

- 12 declared -

BETTING: 9-4 Mite Equal, 7-2 The Cavity Man, 9-2 Sir Geleforce, II-2 in The Ganes, 12-1 Riches To Rags, The Design, 14-1 others

P: MAY BE SHALL (\$54) H Lave 5 TI Q....... 8 Durack (3)

PRIME MINISTER (F404) G E Jones 4 TI 2 ...Mr S Strange (7)

700P0- DILLON (58) U Madgwick 8 TI 5 . . . . .

Father 4.45 Exalted

415) have been sent 347 males.

Smoked Pearl: Showed a little ability on debut, but falled to improve when 15 lengths 7th of 9 to Lune Lass at Cartiele (5f). Should benefit from extra 2f Sun Over Santiago: Filly by Dolphin Street out of an unraced mane Thorntoun Gold: Doing her best work close home when 6 lengths 4th of 8 to stablemateTampa Lady in Hamilton (6f) seller. Possibly capable of better

Daylami and Dettori win the Eclipse and some punters believe the partnership should remain intact for Saturday's King George

GOLD has signed a long way, but he looks capable of whoming in this class on his let-est Beverley effort, when he was on the heels of nome reasonable youngstern. He races as though this extra two furlongs will suit and is just preferred to Ower The Counter, State, when and Thompson Could be.

# 3.00 LEEDS NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,500 added

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CTI	CATCH ME (11) (D) (Mrs J S Mountifield) T Easterby 9 7L Charnock 4
	DRURIDGE BAY (11) (M.G.S. Curton) M. Cherron 85 A Mackey 8
0063	DANDY DANCER (19) (M C North) S C Williams 65
	DISPOL SAFA (5) (WB trison) P Calver 8 11 J Carroll 2
	SUNSET LADY (15) (The Jack Of All Trades Partnersho) P Haslam 8 11 C Lowther 1
	KARAKUL (8) (D), Kennez House Partners) M Feltherston-Godley 8 8 (Get , D) Holland 5
	CLARANNA (28) (Mass M J Barbert R Falay 8 7 R Winston (5) 7
001250	MISS TAKE (17) (Greve & Nactors: Passing Club) P Evens 85 J F Egen 3 V
055242	BODFARI ANNA (61) (Sodies Seed) M W Easterby 84 G Parkin 6 B
	CABLE MEDIA BOY (14) (BF) (Cable Media) S Kettlewell 8 4
TMC- 2-1	Cotab Ma 72 Planel Cole 74 Pombles Bas 84 Persent Lady 164 Procedy Research

ING: 3-1 Catch Me, 7-2 Dispoi Sana, 7-1 Drumoge Bay, 8-1 ul, Bodfari Arms, Cable Medfa Boy, 12-1 others Tangred Times 8 3 T Williams 9-1 (D Barket) drawn (4) 8 ran

FORM GUIDE

Catch Met Half-sister to good mier Massie. Twice winner at this trip on good to firm, in maiden at Beveriey and runsery (by 1% lengths, leading it out) at Classiar. Drunidge Bays Stepped up in the when fourth of 10 to Catch Me at Chester, coming the and wide and now 5b better at for two tengths. Changes on the book. Dendy Dancer: Shareer Dancer coll. Soch of 9 on Wolverhampton at weather before staying-on that of 17 to Bathrick in market at Warwick (7), good) 16 days later. staying-on titrd of 17 to Bathwisk in maiden at Warwick (71, good) is days later Olspol Safa; 5-4 on, with self-at Thirsk (21 soft), by a length, Good second of 7 to Pet Express Fyler in 71 nursery at Ayr (good to soft), but this is more competitive. Sunset Lady: Won seler at Thirsk (61, good) in June, Fourth of 9 in Pontetract nursery (60, 5 weeks lates, with Was Take living is test on friet form) liftly. Should stay 71 Kariskut; 17,000-guizes 51/2 by Persian Bold. 11-2 won 8-runner claimer at Brighton (71, good) last time by 2 lengths, well on this Carnot be ruled out with 68 panestry. Claramer Has run entrally in easy-ground sellers so far, performing consistently and writing at Newcaste (61, soft) lest time by 8 length. First try at 71 may well suit her. Missa Talou: Had first four races on fibresand, wrining 65 seller (visional first fring) at Wolverhampton and runner-up there over 71. Competitive efforts on turt single Bodfard Annac Bridger by select lest statis, second at Southwell and Thirds, Beston 2% bender by Sunset Liziv Inove 75 worse of the latter. Slee up to 71 math help. 2 % lengths by Sunset Ledy (now 75 varse cfl) in latter. Step up to 71 may help Cable Media Boy: 2nd favourte, won 6-runner seller at Chepstow (6f, good to firm) on debut, but very disappointing favourité at Newmarket (firm) over 6 weeks leter

VERDICT: The revised weights from their Chester meeting and the contrasting luck in nurning that day give ORURIDGE BAY a good chance of beating Catch Me. Catch Me has done absolutely nothing wrong, however, and is a big danger. Karakal should figure prominently, while Newmarket flop Cable Media Boy would be a major contender if improving an his debut effort at the second time of asking.

### 2 20 TOTE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 added 5f

Į	3.30	Penalty Value £6,710
1	-45106	ARJAN (12) (CD) (W J Kely) J Berry 38 to
2		JOHAYRO (9) (CD) (F Brady) J Golde 5 9 3 (5ex)A Cultane 3
3	060600	LEVELLED (18) (D) (BF) (Nr & Mrs G Pinchen) M Channon 4 8 12
4		ROYAL DOME (7) (D) (D & A Yaces) M Wane 8 \$7 Change 4 V
5		SWYNFORD DREAM (15) (CD) (Qualitat Holdings) J Hetherton 5 82
6	054004	LEOFRIC (6) (Neen Racing) M Poiglase 3 7 10
		- 8 declared -
:	ETTING: 11	-8 Royal Dome, 3-1 Johayro, 9-2 Arjan, 13-2 Swynford Dream, 7-1 Leothic, 15-1

Levelled 1997 Cross The Boxder 4 9 6 Alex Greaves 11-10 Lav (D Nicholfs) classes (t) 16 ran

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Arjan: Five-length winner from 8b lower here in May (5t). A feir 3-length 6th of 16 to Classy Cleo at Chester (5f I lest time and is possibly fust about in handcapper's grasp now Johayro: in the form of his life when making at to beat subsequent winner Storytelter the lengths at Ayr (5t), good to soft). Equally effective on tast ground and by no means out of it under a 6th penalty. Levelled: Back below best winning mark and on ideal ground but little in encouragement in recent efforts including a 9-length fibri of 13 to Distant King at Carlisle (5t). Royal Dome: At his best at this time of year end returned to form when beaten head by subsequent winner Alain over course and distance list week. 10th below best winning mark.

Strain.

Swymford Dream: On a long losing run. Appeared to peak when 1 "viength second to Uterary Society at Newmarket in May and has been below form since Leothic: Mayden. Best effort for a while when, book in bilinkers, 2 lengths fourth of 16 to Birtang Timor at Leicester (61) last week. Looks opposable in this better company

VEROICT: ROYAL DOME, usually on song at this time of year, is difficult to oppose on his second to Alaian here last week. He has ideal ground conditions and looks thrown in, with the winner going on to some off at 10th higher mark at Newmarket last Saturday. The being-in-form front-unner Joheyro is suited by this course and is an obvious threat fol-lowing his impressive Ayr success, which is already working out well.

# 4.00 DEWSBURY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 25,000 added 1m 5f 175yds Penalty Value 23,574

036-05	OCEAN BREEZE (19) (Miss Mina U Bridge) J Walnunght 4 8 7 O Peen
0232	CORELLI (14) (BF) (Sheich Mohammed) Sr U Stoute 3 8 7 F Lyn
52-323	DOUBLE BLADE (42) (2nd Middleham Partnership) M Johnston 3 8 7 O Holla
44	MONET (58) (Mrs J Chapple-Hyam) P Chapple-Hyam 3 8 7 S Whitney
	WINDLING SAINT (11) (M H haogh) M Tomplans 3 8 7 K Dar
43	BLUEBELLE (21) (BF) (Fasal Salmen & C Budgett) Sr U Prescott 3 8 2 G Duffi
	- 6 declared -
TTING: 4-8	Corolli, 9-2 Riushalle, 5-1 Druble Riede, 15-1 Monet, 14-1 Mineton Seine, 22-1 O

1997: Vallegatore 3 7 13 P Fessey (3) 2-1 pt fav (8 Hills) drawn (3) 11 yar

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- b overareu -BETTING: 9-4 Garrynisk, 7-2 Sai Tarth, 4-1 High Summer, 7-1 Equatime 10-1 Fort Gale, Bioquent Lawyer, 12-1 Don't Tail Tora, 14-1 others

**FORM VEROICT** 

HIGH SUMMER is on the upgrade, has conditions to suit and can take care of See Tarth again today. Bigger dangers may be former point-to-pointers Gasmark and Fort Gale, with the latter especially catching the eye on ground he will enjoy.

3.15 SHOULTON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) 25,000 added 2m 7f 110yds

2301-1 CATS RUN (26) (D) J Usson 10 it 5 ... Mr M Bradburne (S) F44-41 POLDEN PRIDE (16) (C) G Bating 10 it 5 ... B Pention 434-P0 ANDRELD (16) (C) (D) P Bowen II 10 it 2 ... J Murphy B 04/3-0 RAMSTAR (46) P Hobbs in 0 it 8 ... R Window (7) IIP/5 WRIGGENGALE (26) Mrs J Piman 8 it 6 ... R Window (7) (CD) O Michalson 7 it 0 (Sec) ... R Johnson - 9 declared - must weight 10st fine handicap weight 10st fine handicap weight

Micanum weight 10st fine handless weight Jahon 9st 10th BETTING: 7-2 Cats Run, 9-2 Polidin Phile, 5-1 Zelbon, 11-2 The Gopher, 6-1 Evangelita, 8-1 Wretengale, 10-1 Fiveleigh Builds, 12-1 others

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Ocean Breeze: Very low-level form, mostly to sellers and handlosps:

Coroll: Placed in three maldens from most to trust, when securite at Windsor and Kempton (good to firm, 3 languis behind Margham) last two starts. Should stay

Double Blade: Has shown fair form in maldens at 9f and first trust term, but looks ungenuine and performed perfocularly temperamentally in trust first bifures blade; sain.

Monet: 4000-gunes to al. Fourth in trust middens at Selsbury-and Chaptain, report
eth blanding from the most when 41/Janochus have also. Monet: 4,000-gunes to al. Fourth in what miscens as assessing and department reputa-edly bleeding from the nose when 4/4 lengths behind Cashine Captine feat thrus. Whealing Saint: St Jovite colt. Showed nothing on debut, eight weeks before second of four to impressive Way Out Yonder in maiden at Lingfield (tredt good to fam). Bluebelle: By Generous out of e useful stayer. This trip will suit her at lot better than the im and what of maidens at Yarmouth and Kempton, in which site performed well.

VERDICT: Coralli has the necessary form and would be the obvious selector, be BLUEBELLE could show huge improvement for the step up in trip. The Sk Mark Presco trained fifty has shown plently of ability over shorter distances as it is, so looks a dece bet to surprise the Kelly taxourits.

# 4.30 LEYBURN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added

ı	040042	VENTURE CAPITALIST (11) (D) (W.G Swiers) O Nichols 9.97
2	554417	PALACEGATE TOUCH (7) (CD) (A B Pan) J Berry 80 1K Durlay 3 B
3	022566	STATOTORK (6) (8F) (J C Fremel) OShaw 590
4	000-00	SPOTTED EAGLE (193) (CD) (W.G. Swiers) O Nichola 5 8 12
5	054005	RAMSEY HOPE (12) (D) (C O Burbar Longo) C Fairburst 58 11N Kennerdy 2 B
5		TANGERINE FLYER (66) (May Notari) P Euros 3 8 6 F Egent 4
7	20-600	LATOUCH (7) (D) (CARoser) J.J Quan 5 64
8	602500	SING FOR ME (8) (J Dowy) R Holinsheed 8.8.1 TWilliams 8
		-6 declared -

BETTING: 4-5 Venture Capitalist, 7-2 Palaces

FORM GUIDE Venture Capitalist: Former top-class sprints. Locks in class of his own on official ratings and on blast head second to Prince Dome at York (8).

Paleoagata Touch: Notched his 24th win (mostly claimers) when bearing Whacker-Doby a langth in 6/ seler here last week but has 33to to find with Venture Capitalist on of-

Statelyonic Running well in his own class, but had no tuck in running when 3 lengths aboth of 19 to Distant King at Beverley (51) last time. Best at 51 and planty to do at the reights Spottand Eagle: Winner of a seller here last term. Out of action since 8th of 12 to Gen-

Spotlage: Winner or a, gear new asstraint. Out action arche part of 2 to gen-eral Equation at Molventerrapton (5) in January and up against it here. Rantaley Hope: Scuttimet at weather venuer in November, Best mos for a long while when 4% langths titth of 44 to Biff-Em at Hamilton (60). Plenty on his place. Tangerhae Flyec All-weather winner for Jack Berry in January, Stellined error on 6-langths. 10th of 14 to First Malts at Ripon (5) in May, First run for new yard. L. A Toucht: Plating class performed Looks well out of the argument at these weights on 8 langths brith of 15 to Sue Met at Doncaster (5). Strop For Met. Respectable fifth to Breekin Even in Haydock 6f handicap in May but has out little los in two outlings since and has a major task at the weights.

VERDICT: With almost two stone in hand on official figures, VENTURE CAPITAL-

# IST can scarcely be opposed unless the ground auddenly eases to heavy. Palaceg Touch looks the obvious candidate for the forecast. 5.00 WILLIE CARSON - PINKER'S POND APPRENTICE HANDICAP (F) £3,000 added 7f Penalty Value £2,186

- 11 declared - Minimum weight: 7st 10th. 7sue handisep weight: Nonthicky 7st 7th, Pathere 7st 4th.

BETTING: 3-1 Live Project, 4-1 Erro Codigo, 5-1 Scathebury, 6tt-Em, 7-1 Finishers, 6-1 Don Pepe, 10-1 Konshucky, 14-1 others

1997: Napoleon's Return 4 8 0 O Weight 12-1 (J Eyre) chem (f) 15 ran

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Finisterre: Hes twice run well over course and distance this term, winning and runnerup in classified states. Third of 17 to Thweat at Doncaster (7t, firm) list week

Erro Codigo: High draw does not help, but enters the reckoning on placed efforts over
this trip at Catteriok and Ayr last two starts. Nearly at runs so far on easy ground

Scathebury: Won seller over course and distance in April. Rather inconsistent since,
very close fourth of 8 at Windoor (im, good to firm) penultimete start.

Don Peper: Easily best effort this season when third of 14 to Finistene over 7f here in
May, Not decredited under 7fb chamer last time, so cannot be ruled out. Biti-Em: Unproven over 71 but hes finished well in his races over 6f at Hamilton last two starts, winning 14-runner amateurs' handicap last time by a head.

The Lambton Worm: Has fallen about 30th in the handicap over the last year, best run. The Larabum vectors: rise sales about 27 Jones in the hardicap over the last year, best unfor some time when beaten about 27 Jengths off 5to higher at Cartisle on Friday.

Live Project: Far all-weather form. Not nearly so good on turf appearantly, but was fourth
to Biff-Em over 6 at Hamilton and third of 21 over the at Redcar or Saturday.

React: Virtually no form until 17 Jengths third of 12 in very strongly-run claimer at Redcar (55 good to soft), coming from behind. Sometimes slowly away

Gurnners Glory: Chances on some of his form of 12 months ago, but inconsistent (chiefly
in claimers and sellers) since and has not shown much this term. in claimers and setters) since and has not shown much this term Kombucky: Had long string of unhapping efforts to her name prior to head second of 13 at Cariste (7), good to firm) on Friday, from 7to out of handcap Pathsizes: 6to out of the weights and would be a brave choice on recent efforts.

VERDICT: Erro Codigo may find it herd to make the running from his high draw, with The Lambton Worm and KOMILUCKY, other possible page-eathers, drawn low. Priday's Cartiele runner-up Komiucky has a good chance on that form and is narrowly preferred to Finisterre who has such a good record here this season.

Mitte Equal should appreciate the extra distance having twice made the frame in smiller events at 2m, but preference is for THE CAVIAR MAN, who had no chance behind Kazawan over course and distance lest time, but has an easer task now. A highly competitive handicap. Cats Run makes too many mis-takes to be a safe selection, Zaltoon is not much of a bettler and Polden Pride prefers Newton Abbot, which les Martin Pipe-trained EVANGELICA. The selection pped on her best form. Illes Worcester and fast ground, the invaluable assistance of Tony McCoy. 2.45 HUDDINGTON NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 3m

3.45 PLYVINE CATERING HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 3m 

FORM VERDICT Tony McCoy has an exesptonally good record on Moonlight Air and she must go well with conditions to suit. However, one of the McCoy discards STROKESAVER is preferred on value grounds as he is well handicapped now and ran well on his debut for Martin Pipe over a trop signify too far at Newton Abbot. The other Pipe runner, Ever Smile, is another to consider.

4.15 KINGTON NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 7f 110yds

8 /PSUP\_JUST MARMALADE (88) (U) W Jaries 8 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_Gary Lyons 9 P38-PF TOPPERILLO (10) J McCommons 9 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_\_ S McReill 10 15-23 NAME OF OUR PATHER (24) (D BF) P Bowen 5 10 7... W Manakon — 10 declared — 10 declared — BETTING: 11-16 Crahapple HB, 4-1 Pixely Wood, 9-2 Name Of Our Father, 8-1 Errajon, 12-1 Button Hall, 25-1 Castlemorris, 33-1 others

FORM VERDICT

An interesting early-season notice chase in which Cratiappia Hill is clearly the one to beat. However, David Nicholson's grey may not be suited by very fast ground and, with Name, Of Our Father disappointing last time, a chance is taken on chesing debutent FLAXLEY WOOD. Bob Buckler dose well with his novice chasers and the selection may be difficult to

4.45 CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP HURDLE: (CLASS F) \$2,500 added 2m

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1 226- POMME SECRET (FR) (90) (D) M Ppc 5 12 0 ... C Manufe B 2 306-5 EMATED (SS) W Jerks 5 11 2 ... Gary Lyong-1 1-5-0 RIS MON (19) (D) Ms S Larryman 8 11 1 ... M A Rizgentid 4 D4-F83 ZINE LANE (19) (D) J OShea 6 11 0 ... Michest Bremnin V 5 19-50 F (T'S WALLACE (19) J C Poulin 5 10 2 ... V Culledy S 4500 CLASSIC EXPRIST (F4) (CD) A Streete 9 to 10 ... A S-Smith 7 1830 CHRIST GELEN (7) (CD) J M Bracke 9 to 10 ... A S-Smith 7 1830 CHRIST GELEN (7) (CD) J M Bracke 9 to 10 ... A S-Smith 7 1830 CHRIST GELEN (7) (CD) J M Bracke 9 to 10 ... A S-Smith 7 1830 CHRIST GELEN (7) (CD) J M Bracke 9 to 10 ... A P McCoy B 6 3394-F SAFECHACKER 8) S Griffers 5 10 6 ... S Domack (5) 10 56906 RUN FOR COVER (71) Ms N Dutfield 6 10 6 ... P Holley 10 USP SAATCHMO (F11) J Spearing 8 10 0 ... Affect C Spearing P POOSE LE GRAND GOUSTER (7) (D) R J Proc 4 100 ... C Linearing 13 00292- CORDMA KNIGHT (P23) C Morlock 5 18 0 ... P Ryess (7) ... 13 declared - 13 declared - 13 declared - 14 declared - 15 declare

er 9at 6b, Confiel Knight 9st 2b.
BETTING: 4-1 Selectacles; 5-1 Permitte Secret, 11-2 inte Mon. 6-1 Chiefe Cof Magic, Exated, 10-1 Cordial Knight, 12-1 in Wellace; 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT A weak handicap, in which many will understandly row in withthe Pipe/McCoy runner Circle Of Magic, though she did notlook a ready-made handicap writer last season, whereas INE; MON won four, albeit at a tow level. Things have not gone the way since, but he should be better for a recent run at Medicif; Rasen and has a sound chance at the weights.

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THE INDEPENDENT

Sailing: A step back in time coincides with questions raised about the sport's professional future

# Cup calls on Corinthian spirit

BY STUART ALEXANDER in Cowes

COWES HAS already hosted the 5.5 Metre World Championship this year, it welcomes the Six Metre Europeans in August, and today takes another step back in time with the Commodores' Cup.

The sacred word Corinthian is to the fore and any beretic gently querying the professional end of the sport, much less the grand prix circuit, risks, if not being burnt at the stake of vulgarity, a severe lecture about the integrity of the grass roots of a sport that cootinues to try and cope with a crisis of structure.

The awkwardly named event - sev-eral Island (of Wight) Sailing Club commodores donated the trophy-is a mixture of Brooklands and Brands Hatch with national flags attached. Some names of yesteryear, like Tony Cox's Prospect of Whitby and Arthur Slater's Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup winner in 1971, berth alongside the latest Farr 40s, like Cox's English team captain Tony de Mulder's Victric 5. Even older, but in beautifully loved condition, is David Murrin's doyenoe of the fleet, Cetewayo, a 1957 Laurent Giles-designed 48-footer, complete with wooden mast, though with Keviar sails.

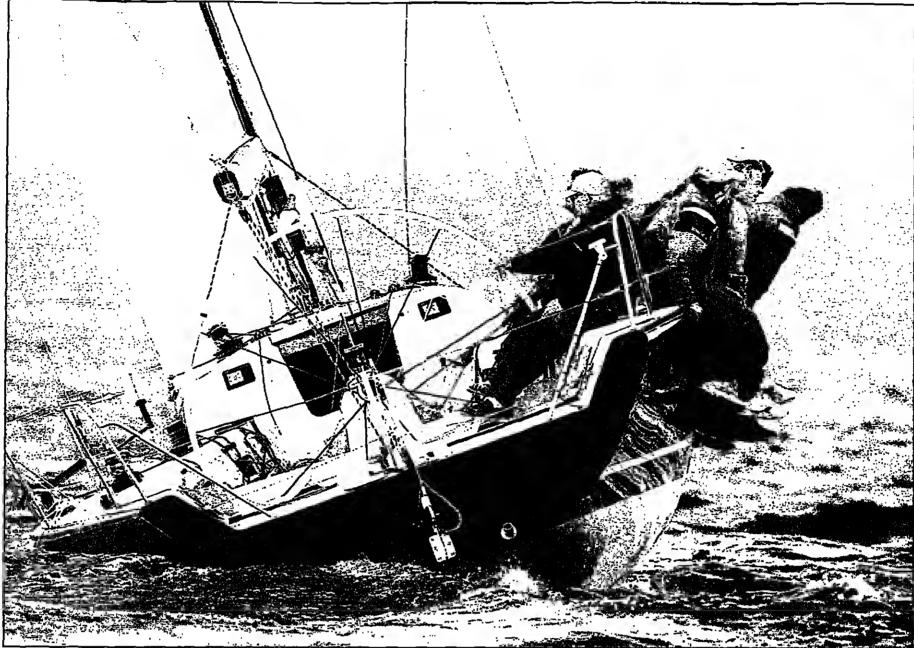
Prospect came from the theo allconquering design board of Sparkman & Stepbens, Victric from his 1990s counterpart, Bruce Farr, and there are, similarly, some old warhorses among the crews, mixed in with some who want to go oo to better things.

"We wanted to provide an opportunity for people to sail in an iuternational event wbo wereo't necessarily out and out pros," says Alan Green, special eveots director of the organising Royal Ocean Racing Club. "We saw there were a lot of people in offshore sailing who would like to sail in this kind of eveot, but, without the limitations on professionals, would be outnumbered and outclassed.

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Green also sees the eveot as a stepping stone to something like the Admiral's Cup. "They can find out if they like what they see at much lower budgets, though baving a sprinkling of pros gives an element of sharpness to the regatta which everyone appreciates, but not so much that it can dominate the results." Green said.



Tony de Mulder's Victric 5, pictured in action in Ford Cork week, is sure to make an impact in today's Commodores' Cup

Jim O'Kelly/Irish Independent

He recognises, however, that in sailing since 1996, when England the number of entries the Rolexsponsored event has been able to attract, a state of affairs not unfamiliar to the RORC. "I would liked it to have been nearer to or better than the 15 we had last time." Green said,

There have been more upbeavals

there is some disappointment over heat Australia. Before that, the Commodores' Cup had become a dress rehearsal for the Admiral's Cup, with strongly professional teams. Now, both have been downgraded, the Commodores' to near-

the Olympics and the Whitbread/Volvo as the major professional areas of sailing. So the Solent entertains nine

three-boat teams, with two each from England, Germany, the Netherlands, and one from Belgium, Scandinavia, ly all amateurs and next year the including two from Finland for the Admiral's Cup to semi-pro, leaving first time, and a debut from Spain.

"We are boping to set some chal-lenging courses - It won't be much different from the Admiral's Cup." Green says. With fresh south-westerlies forecast, the two pairs of Insbore races today and tomorrow should be testing. They then have an offshore in the Channel, and three insbores sandwiching an offshore.

The commitment of the crews is beyond question. The bigger questions raised are the future of the grand prix circuit, to be discussed at a summit meeting during Copa del Rey in Palma on 1 August, and the RORC's ability to run the grand prix in tandem with its duties as a club racing organiser.

# Lowes and **Phillips** escape censure

RUGBY LEAGUE

JAMES LOWES and Rowland Phillips yesterday avoided discipli-nary action by the Rugby League after they were both placed on report over the weekend.

Lowes, the Bradford hooker, was cautioned for a late tackle on his former Bulls' team-mate Shaun Edwards during the Super League defeat at Tynecastle oo Saturday.

Phillips, the London Welsh rugby union forward who was in the Wales side which lost to Emerging England at Widnes less than 24 hours later was then reported for allegedly leading with the elbow on Steve Molloy. The Rugby League, however, has decided the pair had no case to answer.

Karle Hammood, the Great Britain utility player, is to have further talks with St Helens over a oew cootract. Hammond, valued at £150,000 by Saints, will be a free agent at the end of the season unless he agrees a new deal with the club.

The 24-year-old is threatening to switch to rugby union if talks are not satisfactory, but Tom Ellard, the St Helens chairman, said: "We have made Karle a contract offer but at the moment are a long way apart. Further talks are planned because Karle is a class player and we don't want him to leave,"

The Bradford Bulls have been so unimpressed with their form that they have promised their supporters that they will atone for their recent poor performances, Saturday's 22-8 defeat to Londoo in Edinburgh, witnessed by 4,000 Bulls fans, was the Super League champions' fourth defeat in six games - a run which threatens to put their place in the top

five in jeopardy.

The Bulls' chief executive, Gary Tasker, said: "The displays at Salford and Warrington were disappointing. but the positive news is that last Saturday's débacle provided us with some answers. Fans can rest assured that in the mid-to-long term, action will be taken that will give our supporters the team they deserve."

The veteran prop forward Colin Armstrong has been appointed caretaker coach at Whitehaven, the First Division club, following the resignation of Stan Martin and has been given until the end of the season to earn himself a long-term contract.

# SANDOWN

HYPERION

6.15 High Premium 6.45 Western Folly 7.15 Dilkusha 7.45 Eternity 8.15 Dabus 8.45 Mindrace

GOINC: Round course - Good to Firm (Good in home straight); Sprint course - Good to Firm. STALLS: Sprint course - far side; Remainder - inside. DRAW ADVANTACE: High for 5f

The Right-hand course, Separate stiff 5t sprint track.

Course is on A307, 4m S of Kingston, Esher station (service) from Landon, Waterioo) adjoins course. AOMISSION: Club £17 Jumor Club (17 - 21yrs) £14; Grandstand & Paddock £12, Park CS CAR PARK: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS: H Hennon 28 wins from 293 runners

(86%), Sir M Stoute 27-135 (20%), J Dunlop 21-125 (168%), J Gosden 17-112 (15.2%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery 60 wine from 263 rides (228%), L Dettori 51-234 (218%), J Rold 25-218 (115%), R Hills

FAVOURITES: 208-603 (345%)

6.15 HARPERS & QUEEN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,000 added 1m 

FORM VERDICT Unlike his main rivats, HIGH PREMIUM can be relied upon to run his heart out and, very effective in this sont of race, will surely take the beating. Confidence is boosted further with Kieren Falton booked for the ride.

6.45 JENNIFER'S DIARY MAIDEN SKY 

FORM VERDICT

Billy McCaw and Morvino showed promise in a useful New-market maiden last month, but may have to play second fid-de to what looks a strong contingent of newcomers on paper. The registy-bred Saytarra, from the powerful Loder juvenale team, has to be feared, but WESTERN FOLLY looks more

	PANMURE GORDON HANDI- CAP (D) \$7,000 3YO 7f
1	6102 FREDORA (19) (D) M Blanshard 9 7 J Quinn 7
2	-28043 POLY BLUE (15) Miss C Kelloway 9 4 J Rold 4
ã	53-000 BLAKESET (47) R Harmon 83 R Hughes 8
4	0-11 JOHN FERNELEY (51) (D) P Cola 9 0 K Fellon 5 B
5	500000 ARIAN DA (7) (C) 8 Paling 8 12 T Sprake 6
6	OTE-32 THREE ANGELS (11) (D) M TOTTOWNS 8 12 D Biggs 9
7	0-3044 MADAME CLAUDE (11) J Toler 8 8 L Dettori 1
а	-04005 DRXUSHA (11) S Weehan 8 8 Pat Eddery 11
D	030036 LIFT THE OFFER (18) (D) R Hannon 8 4 Dana O'Neill 2
10	-00000 SOLO SPIRIT (28) J Jankins 8 4
11	05604 EVENING CHORUS (4) R Surpson 8 4 Paul Eddary 13
12	045 ABUNDANCE (19) J Smyth-Osbourne 8 1 R Mullen (3) 5
13	0-1005 MOUNTAIN MAGIC (11) (D) D Phench Davis 7:10

= 13 decisted -Minumum weight. 7st 10th 7me hendicap weight Mountain Magic 7st 7th BETTING: 9-2 John Ferneley, 6-1 Poly Blue, Three Angels, 7-1 Fredo-ra, 8-1 Madame Claude, Dillusha, 10-1 Lift The Offer, 12-1 others FORM VERDICT

ing but, given the repeated of an angling late, it was de membering to see how he copes with this tract, and the equipping of first-time blinkers suggests connections still have their doubts despite last time's decent effort. Kniight's conditions (7f on a sound surface) look ideal for DILKUSHA and, with Pat Eddery on board, he may be able to reverse recent Lingfield placings with Three Angels from his good draw.

7.45 SOLAGLAS HANDICAP SKY 600-56 ANOTHER NIGHT (39) P Nurphy 4 8 D. ... S Drowns 11
5-100 CHEEK TO CHEEK (21) (D) C Cyze 4 8 8 ... L Deltori 14
401240 MADAME CHIMNERY (18) C Weedon 4 0 8 . R Smith (7) 7
304-35 RISHIG SPRAY (18) (D) C Horgan 7 9 7 ... Paul Eddery 3
001-22 EURINDI (39) A Certol 4 9 7 ... Pp 2 Eddery 3
001-22 EURINDI (39) A Certol 4 9 7 ... Pp 2 Eddery 3
001-32 EURINDI (19) A Certol 4 9 7 ... L Taket 13
65-362 DURHAM (11) (D) (BF) C L Moore 7 9 0 ... K Fallon 2 B
41204 BATTHE IN LIGHT (21) Lord Huntingdon 4 8 12 ... ...

0-0064 SERIOUS TRUST (11) (D) Mrs L Jawel 5 8 8 \_ \_\_\_

FORM VERDICT

Conditions are ideal for OURHAM, who has binkers back on and is on a winning mark. The booking of Kieren Fallon is the iding on the cale. Cheek To Cheek is having a good season but needs to improve further of their new mark while Burundi is rising steadily in the weights without winning. Tompit's longer tip may help Bathe in Light and Eternity, but if there is to be a hy in the outment it could be Shining Dancer if she consents to put her best toot forward.

8.15 CELESTE MAIDEN STAKES SKY  - 11 deciared BETTING: 9-4 Dabus, 3-1 lorden Spring, 7-2 Red Tulte, 13-2 Gondola, 8-1 Mutazza, 14-1 Daunting, 25-1 Lateon, 33-1 others FORM VERDICT

Red Tuile is a well-bred inexcenter to keep an eye on, but DABUS will be hard to boat. He ran very well on his debut all Newmarket a formight ago and that from has already been boosted by the win of the numer-up. Emplane, last Saturday, tonien Spring is the only other one worth considering.

8.45 BAROMETER HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 5f 41121 STORYTELLER (5) (D) M Dods 4 to 3 (64x) . ...

- La seusseu -Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weight: Hall Yone 7st 9th BETTING: 4-1 White Emir, 5-1 Sihuti, 6-1 Storytellec, 7-1 Beau Ventur Dancing Mystery, 8-1 Dansinani Air, 10-1 Held Tone, 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT

The draw will be the dominating factor Storyteller is in fly-ing form and a leading candidate again but will need the gaps to appear and DOMINANT AIR, who has Kieren Fallon on board, has the pace to take a promitent position. He is worth enotiner chance with conditions (kely to aut. White Emir's solid chance is weakened somewhat by his middle draw

# James stays uncommitted

GOLF

EUROPE'S NEXT Ryder Cup captain is expected to be named competitioo for places begins. However, the Ryder Cup committee do not yet have their

man and the director Richard through the process and no ap-proaches have been made yet." With Sam Torrance having won the French Open last

month and making clear his desire to play in oext year's defence of the trophy in Boston, Mark James is an even stronger favourite to succeed Seve Ballesteros.

James' last victory was the Spanish Open 15 months ago, but he did finish joint 19th in the himself as a member of the 1999 Opeo at Birkdale on Sunday team rather than its captain.

and then kept the guessing game going.

While refusing to indicate whether he was interested in the on 26 August just a week before role or not, the 44-year-old James, who acted as one of Ballesteros' assistants last year and is also chairman of the European Tour's tournament com-Hills said: "We are still going mittee, said: "I still feel I'm good enough to play in the match. I still have the desire and I bope to regain my form of 1997."

Ballesteros resigned immediately after the victory at Valderrama to concentrate on rediscovering his own form in the hope of playing next year. His own first choice as successor was Bernhard Langer, but the 40-year-old German has also made it plain he still sees



Justin Rose signs on at the Dutch Open yesterday, his first tournament as a professional

# Caddie eyes Rose job

THE MAN who accompanied Justin Rose throughout the Open is now hoping to stay with lodging. the teenager as he embarks on the professional circuit.

Stuart Bradley is hoping he will be able to caddie full-time for Rose after carrying the bag I obviously knew Justin couldn't of the 17-year-old during the win money. But I was happy to four days of intense competition at Royal Birkdale.

Rose came close to pulling O'Meara, and Brian Watts.

And like Rose, Bradley did not pick up a penny from the left with nothing other than his work for him full-time."

usual £250 caddie's wage, after he had paid for his food and

But the 31-year-old from North Yorkshire can see the partnership going a long way and said: "When I took the job work for him because I could see his tremendous potential.

"I first met him in May at the off one of the most spectacular Benson and Hedges and then results in golf history when he I saw him at Loch Lomond the finished just two strokes adrift week before the Open, where I of the play-off winner, Mark arranged to carry his bag in the pre-qualifying at Hillside.

"We just got together, but it's been a pretty successful partyoungster's display as he was nership so far. Now I hope I can

### **LEICESTER**

6.30 First Dance 7.00 Cyro 7.30 Goodwood Jazz 8.00 Colleville 8.30 DEMOLITION JO (nap) 9.00 Uplifting (nb)

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places). STALLS: Stands side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low to middle up to and including 1m. Right-hand, undulating course, with a straight mile.

Course is 2m SE of city off A6. Station 2m. ADMISSION: Club m Course is all SC of City (III Ab. Station 27th Authorstone Club City; Tatlarsails £10 (OAPs £6), Provid car park £25 admits dar and four occupants, Free raceourds, CAR PARK; Free ELEADING TRAINERS: R Hannon 27-168 (161%). J Dunlop 25-127 (187%), H Cock 21-75 (28%), J Gooden 13-77 (18.3%). ELEADING JOCKEYS: G Carter 14-139 (101%), M Roberts 12-88 (136%), R Cochrane 11-112 (9.8%), W Ryan 11-116 (9.5%). BLINKERED FIRST TOME: Fon Warrios, How High & Picula Biero (530).

6.30 O'ROURKE GROUP SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 3YO 1m 

- 14 declared -BETTING: 9-2 Crollers Edge, 5-1 First Dence, 11-2 Fen Warriot, 7-1 Top Floor, 8-1 Denrington, Catleol Lame, 10-1 How High, 12-1 others

00-004 CATFOOT LANE (12) W G M Turner 8 6 ..... ... M Rx

FORM VERDICT A moderate and uncompetitive affair which may be best left to CROFTERS EDGE, who may not need to improve on last week's second to Rottey Spinney (narrowly beaten off 56 at Satisbury after) to hold his own here. First Donce is outstanding in the hold had be treated in the second had be on the book but her lengthy absence and unproven ability beyond 6 make her opposable.

7.00 CHOICE NURSERY HANDI-CAP (E) £3,750 2YO 5f 

FORM VERDICT The handicapper may well have underrated DOUALE CHOICE. Richard Hannon's well-bred filly comes from solid-looking races; her fourth to Ewenny at Warwick gives her the measure of Pride Of Londoubi (through Little Movie Star) and Polly Mills (through Lighting Blaze), while she ran as though an extra furlong was beyond her in the better-class after won by Enemy Action at Goodwood.

7.30 ALLIANCE & LEICESTER SKY (CLASS E) £3,750 2YO 71 THE ACCESS C DWVer 8 3\_. 

BETTING: 7-2 Goodwood &zcz. 9-2 Little Raly, 5-1 Mas Dragontly, 6-1 College Dean, 10-1 Stormin, Studiey Park, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT The stands' side has been the place to be in big fields [two 8f events] at the last couple of meetings, so low numbers could hold sway. GOODWOOD JAZZ, ideally placed in stall one, is dropped in grade and upped in trip following his Goodwood

8.00 NEXT HANDICAP (CLASS C) 27,750 added 1m 3f 183yds 250-0 PENNYS FROM HEAVEN (27) (D) L Current 4 8 °C ... R Franch 3 32-20 KONNESCASH (J32) (C) (D) P Boven 5 88 ... R Cochrane 5 2 18:20 November 2: 10 (c) Provint 7: 00 Content 2: 10 Con

FORM VERDICT Cuite a competitive race in which the two older horses look more exposed than their juniors Colleville's Warwick win in a moderate time is difficult to assess, white it is debatable what Wadi achieved in wining his meiden. Flow 8th had the massure of DUTCH LAD at Windsor, but the latter gets a handy 4th put and will also benefit from Adrian Nicholis' 7to allowance.

8.30 SIR ROBERT MCALPINE HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 3YO fillies 7f -53634 MUSICAL TWIST (21) P Chapple-Hyam 98 ... . R Havin (3) 2 

FORM VERDICT

Another tricky-booking handicap. The least exposed is CORN-FLOWER FIELDS, who was first seen in public only two months ago and was a close fourth in a more competitive event last egu and was a coose tourn in a more competitive event lest time, form which (through Pierpaint) gives her the clear mea-sure of **Demolition** Jo. This switch to 71 is more likely to two-her than **Science** and she can complete a double for Richard Hannon.

9.00 SAMWORTH MEDIAN AUCTION MAID-EN STAKES (F) £3,000 added 3YO 5f 

FORM VERDICT

This looks a good opportunity for UPLIFTING to get off the mark. Gerald Cottrel's consistent filly would have to give Ri-ta's Rock Ape ISIb in a handloop, while Tuscan Dream and Wyn, though relatively unexposed, have more to do than when second on their most recent outrigs.

■ Pembrokeshire trainer Peter Bowen be-

lieves his Gower-Slave will win for the sixth consecutive time on Saturday. The six-year-old runs in the £20,000-added Tote Summer Special Handicap Chase, one of four races at Market Rasen to be shown live on Channel 4. Bowen said yesterday that Gower-Slave will be ridden by Warren Marston and "must have a favourite's chance" in the two-and-a-half-mile race, despite a rise of 26lb in his chase handican mark this season. Gower-Slave has earned his promotion with wins in a novice event at Cartmel last May and handicaps at Worcester (three) and Sedgefield this term - at trips ranging from two and a half miles to three and a quarter. The Welsh trainer bandles yet another prolific winner in Stately Home, who runs over hurdles at Worcester today as part of his preparation for the Galway Plate. Bowen hopes the race will out Stately Home in fine shape for next Wednesday's IRE65,000 chase at the big Irish summer jump-

# Pinsent plots stealthy course to stardom

BRITISH SPORTSMAN, twice Olympic champion, five times world champion, MBE - who is he? Steve Redgrave? No. Give us a clue. Another rower. Oh of course, the other fella... what's his name? Pinsent. That's it. Matthew Pinsent.

It is difficult to think of many athletes from this country who have achieved so much, yet managed to keep such a low profile outside of their own sport, but that seems to be the job of partnering a legend like

Now, of course, that burden is shared by three men in a coxless four - Pinsent, Tim Foster and James Cracknell - as Redgrave goes in search of a fifth Olympic gold medal, not to mention an eighth world title in Cologne in September. But before all that, and since his first two gold medals in Los Angeles and Seoul, it was the years spent in a cox-less pair with Pinsent that really estahlished Redgrave as one of the all-time great Olympians.

Pinsent, at 27 almost nine years younger than Redgrave, seems more than happy to have played second fiddle in Barcelona and Atlanta. "Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent is better than Steve Redgrave and Joe Bloggs," he said. reflecting upon his status at the London Rowing Club in Putney last week.

But should Pinsent win a third Olympic gold medal in two years' time, and should he decide to carry on beyond Sydney, the chances are he will transcend the sport in this country in exactly the same way as Redgrave has done. "Steve gets more publicity than he wants," he said, "but we don't do it to get our Race medals in my hypothetical names in the papers. At the end of the day he's won twice as many Olympic gold medals as I have, so he deserves some credit that I don't get."

In complete contrast to Redgrave, who left school in Marlow at 16 to concentrate on rowing full-time, . jured Simon Berrisford. "I was ob-Pinsent graduated via Eton and Oxford, and nowadays an easy, uncomplicated manner allied to his imposing bearing make him a splendid ambassador for the British establishment. The son of a vicar, he was born in Norfolk but spent his formative years in Kelso in the Scottish borders, before attending Eton, where he learned to row.

In pursuit of a third successive Olympic gold, Steve Redgrave's shadow is happy keeping a low profile. By Adam Szreter

"I wasn't particularly good at the for the first time, and did not look sport until I was 17," he explained. back until they crossed the line for "I wasn't really big for my age until I was about 16, and then it took me another year to get used to the technique, but once I'd got that I became much more competitive."

He soon made his mark internationally, winning the world junior coxless pairs title with Foster in 1988 before going up to Oxford to study geography the following year. Twice a Boat Race winner and on one occasinn a loser while he was there, Pinsent clearly looks back on his university days with a great deal of

'Steve Redgrave has won twice as many Olympic medals as I have, so he deserves some credit that I don't get'

"The Boat Race is a bit like Henley," he said. "It's totally different to anything else in the rowing calendar. It's good to have experienced it but you've got to keep it in perspective. It's not the best standard of rowing in the world and everyone knows that, but the attention that it gets is amazing. I would keep my Boat medal cabinet fairly near the top, I should imagine." It was towards the end of his first

year at Oxford that the 19-year-old Pinsent teamed up with Redgrave for the first time, replacing the inviously prefty nervous, but I was also aware that I wanted to make it an equal partnership and that it was never going to work if it wasn't. But it was apparent within the first couple of weeks of being together that it was going to go well, and it wasn't a problem mentally."

they were world champions as a pair name."

gold in Atlanta two years ago.

After that Redgrave famously invited anyone to shoot him should he go near's boat again, but Pinsent too was considering his future. "I wouldn't necessarily have wanted to carry on with Steve in the pair after Atlanta," he said, "and I was certainly unsure in my own mind whether I wanted to carry on at all. But I think those decisions are best left until well after the Games when you can establish some kind of firm footing to make them. There are any number of factors that go into the decision to put yourself through four years of training running up to the next Games. As you get older I'm sure it gets harder - you only have to look at Steve to see that."

One of the main reasons for Redgrave's outhurst was the amount of time spent away from his family in single-minded pursuit of his goals, and although Pinsent is not yet responsible for any children he does have his girlfriend to consider. "There's no doubt that it's harder for Steve to justify the time away, and there's a sense of him dragging his family through another Olympics," be said. "But my private life is relatively free and I don't spend all my time away from the river thinking about rowing, thank-

One distraction is playing rugby for a pub side at home in Henley keen but not accomplished, I would say" - and he has already made some provision for the future by dabbling in sports journalism.
"I was very careful to write as

much away from rowing as I could, but of course that's the leg up that gets you there in the first place," he said. As for the gong, the royal seal of approval? "Yes, I'm in favour of that. I am actually a royalist, but it's really nice to be picked out from the wide variety of people who get honours, and it's a privilege to be able



Little more than a year later to put those letters after your Matthew Pinsent and Steve Redgrave, ready to lead Britain at the 1998 World Championships in Cologne

# amends for **Davis Cup**

### TENNIS

BORIS BECKER overcame searing temperatures to sweep past Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi in straight sets to de France leader that he lost two reach the second round of the Mercedes Cup in Stattgart yesterday. The three-times Wimhledon

champion, now semi-retired and playing only the events he chooses, took just 73 minutes to heat Gaudenzi, who is ranked 35 in the world. Becker attacked the net constantly, once made him the world's top player on his way to a 6-1, 7-5 victory.

Despite temperatures on court above 40C, the 30-year-old Becker took the first set in just 26 minutes and now plays France's Cedric Pioline, who benefited from a first-round bye, for a place in the third round.

Becker found his motivation for victory after blaming himself for Germany's 3-2 defeat by Sweden in Davis Cup over the weekend after he was on the losing side in the key douhles match.

"I had to make amends out there today," Becker said. "But that was a lot like I played at the Swiss Open." Only two weeks ago, Becker came close to winning a clay-court title at the Swiss Open, losing in the final to Alex Corretja of Spain.

In recent months, Becker has become the dominant figure in German tennis off court. He has formed a management group, become the head of the Davis Cup team and set up a programme to develop the country's talent.

Most of the top seeds at the tournament including the No 1 seed Marcelo Rios, the defending champion Corretja and Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov do not play until today.

In other matches yesterday, Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic beat Marc Rosset of Switzerland 6-3, 6-4 and the Spaniard Carlos Costa beat Radomir Vasek, 6-2, 6-0, while Dominik Hrbaty, of Slovakia, overcame the No 16 seed Nicolas Escude of France, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the second

# Becker to try to make Julich keeps up appearances

### CYCLING

BY ROBIN NICHOLL with the Tour de France

BOBBY JULICH, of the United States, emerged from the mist that clung to the Pyrenean peaks, the new shadow for Jan Ullrich, who recaptured the yellow jersey of Tour days ago. As the German's forceful riding

dispatched contenders such as Spain's Abraham Olano and the World No 1 Laurent Jalabert of France, Julich held on over four major mountains. They could not catch the Italian

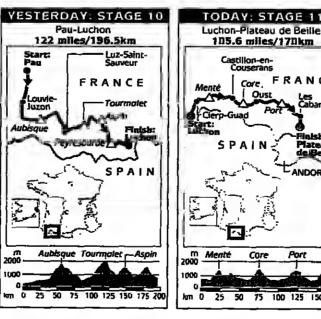
displaying some of the shots that | Rodolfo Massi, who won the 196km race from Pau, but of the men who stayed with Ullrich, Julich, has become the one to watch. He is Imin 18sec behind Ullrich and almost a minute clear of the third-placed Dane Bo Hamburger, hut nothing has come easy for him.

Five years ago he was offering his racing services free to any team that would have him, and in 1995 a mainstream American team, Motorola. took on the 26-year-old. At the time Lance Armstrong was

seen as the successor to the triple Tour winner Greg LeMond, hut cancer set back the Texan's career. Julich gave Americans new hope

with his ninth overall placing in the problem was diagnosed. It did not stop Julich racing, but until corrective surgery he suffered rapid falls

in blood pressure and would faint. Now he is proving a strong threat, if not for the vellow jersey then certainly to be the first American on the final Tour podium in Paris since LeMond eight years ago.



1996 Vuelta a Espana, then a heart command of the chase, the contenders went hunting. The Frenchman Cédrie Vasseur, who spent five days last year in the yellow jersey. Massi and the Italian Alberto Elli opened a lead of seven minutes as first they climbed the Tourmalet. where thousands of spectators were shrouded in low cloud. This legendary mountain was

# TODAY: STAGE 11 Luchon-Plateau de Beille 105.6 miles/170km

impression as the field spreadeagled. Among the first to slide out of the pack was Laurent Desbiens, his two days as wearer of the yellow jersey destined to become a memory. On the final mountain, Peyresourde, Massi was alone, but had to

resist a late broadside from Marco Pantani, known to his Italian fans as Il Pirata. With his shaven bead swathed in a blue bandanna, the bearded racer romped away from. Ullrich and company as though they were standing still. He topped the mountain and closed to within 36 seconds of Massi over a 15km descent into the spa town of Luchon. The Dutchman Michael Boogerd

claimed third, 59 seconds behind Massi, with Ullrich, Julich and a mix of Spanish, Italian and Danish riders in close attendance. The rest of the Tour field was spread as far back as half an hour in arrears, and 17 had already quit, including Francesco Casagrande, one of Italy's main contenders, following a crash on the slippery mountain roads. Massi had seized his chance on

the slopes of Peyresourde, then had to fight off cramp as well as Pantani in the final kilometres. Ullrich was content to let Massi go, but Pantani was a definite threat, although he began the day five minutes in ar-

Yesterday, with Ullrich taking lost in the mist, but its 18 kilometres rears of the German. He is now 4min of narrow, exacting roads made their 41 sec away from the No 1 spot with more opportunities in the mountains to come.

Ullrich, however, feels confident about today's stage of five mountain passes, which finish with a climb to the Plateau de Beille ski station near the border with Andorra. Weeks before the Tour, Ullrich had signalled his fitness for the Tour by winning there in the Route du Sud.

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TOUR DE FRANCE 10th stage (123 miles, Pau to Lockoo): 1 R Massi (R) Cosino 5hr 49min 40sec; 2 M Pantani (It) Mercatone Uno +36sec; 3 M Boogerd (Neth) Rabobank +59; 4 S Julich (US) Condis; 5 G Di Grande (It) Mapel; 6 J Maria Jimmer (Sp) Banesto; 7 F Escartin (Sp) Ketme: 8 J Ulinch (Ger) Telekom: 9 J Robin (Fr) US Postal; 10 L Prepoii (It) Saeco: 11 L Leblanc (Fr) Polit: 12 S Riss (Den) Telekom all same time: 13 O Nardelo (It) Mapel + Imln 55sec: 14 K Lingston (US) Condis +1:58: 15 M Serrano (Sp) Condis 1:58. British: S5 M Sciandri (GS) Française des Jeux +22:41.

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Overall standings: 1 J Ulirich (Ger) Telekon 47th 25min 18sec; 2 B Julich (US) Condis +1mit 18sec; 3 S Hamburger (Den) Casino +2:17: 4 L Jalabert (Fr) ONCE +2:38; S L Leblanc (Fr) Polit +3:03: 6 A Olano (Sp) Banesto +3:11: 7 M Boogerd (Neth) Rabobank +3:36; 6 E Berzin (Rus) Française des Jeux +3:39: 9 5 Heulot (Fr) Française des Jeux +3:40: 10 8 Ris (Den) Telekom +3:51: 11 M Frantani (It) Mercatone Uno +4:41: 12 R Massa (It) Casino +4:44: 13 J-C Robin (Fr) US Postal 4:45: 14 O Nardello (It) Mapel +5:17: 15 F Escartin (Sp) Keime +5:23.

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# Team 'paid into banned substances fund'

Alex Zülle and Laurent Dufaux,

ternational governing body, UCI,

has admitted that the sport's officials

are struggling to discover just how many cyclists have used illegal sub-

"I don't know how many. Is it five

per cent, is it 10 per cent, is it 20 or

part in the Tour on Sunday.

RIDERS IN the Festina team at the centre of the Tour de France drugs scandal contributed to a slush fund to buy hanned substances, the team's doctor has claimed.

The doctor's lawyer said that the team manager, Bruno Roussel, organised the operation and his client did not prescribe or administer any banned substances.

"The riders were obliged to put part of their win bonuses into a shish fund to buy banned substances," Arsene Rickaert, lawyer for team doctor Eric Rickaert, told the French Parisien newspaper

Rickaert said the riders decided themselves exactly what they should

take and the team physiotherapists Laurent Brochard, and Swiss riders body knows, because usually these called for hlood tests, rather than helped riders keep a check of their red blood cell count. The lawyer, who has the same name as his client but is not related, said the doctor only intervened if there was a problem.

Rickaert and Roussel are being held by police investigating the affair which came to light when customs officials searched a team car and found a cache of drugs.

The car was driven by Willy Voet, the Belgian physiotherapist of Festina's top rider, Richard Virenque. Voet has accused Roussel and Rickaert of organising the whole drugs Virenque, the world champion

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"So the situation with Festina is

along with the other team riders, iust the confirmation of what I have to stamp out cheating. were barred from taking any further been saying for years... that there is The president of cycling's world governing body has condemned the ply these drugs to athletes. Those "terrible cheating" that has overproducts cannot be detected. It is tershadowed this year's Tour. Hein rible, it is cheating, but it is reality." Verbruggen, president of the in-

"Doping is like crime in our sport. for the change as soon as possible. Crime exists in society. We combat it, but we cannot eradicate it completely. There is always some cheating. It's unfortunate, it's bad for the sport, but why should sport be different from society?"

The Association of Italian Pro-

things don't tell to the outside world. urine tests, to become the sport's standard anti-doping control in a bid

"It is vitally important for everyone an illegal circuit of people who sup- in cycling...to realise how indispensable such a step is," ACCPI said. adding it would raise the matter with international cycling bodies and push

> ACCPI said it was essential that cyclists realised the seriousness of the doping problem. It saw routine blood testing as the only way to take immediate action and said drugs companies should also play their part "to make it possible to detect

# Villeneuve to leave Williams for BAR

MOTOR RACING

BY CATHERINE RILEY

ONE OF the worst-kept secrets in Formula One looks set to be revealed before this weekend's Austrian Grand Prix, when Jacques Villeneuve announces his departure from Williams at the end of the season to join the new British American Racing team.

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There has been much speculation about the world champion's plans, given his long friendship with the managing director of BAR, Craig Pollock, who was once his manager.

The Canadian is also likely to take his race engineer, Jock Clear, with him and although he has said in the past that leaving Williams for a new team would be a big risk, being surrounded by trusted friends—such as BAR's chassis designer Adrian Reynard seems to have swayed his decision.

Villeneuve has had a disappointing season with Williams, not yet finishing on the podium. It is also believed that he thought Williams might not expend their full energies in the 1999 season, instead using it as an opportunity to prepare their engine link-up with BMW the following year

BAR are backed by the tobacco conglomerate BAT and bought Tyrrell earlier this year. They will make their debut using the same Mecachrome engines as Williams at the start of the next season, but the identity of the No 2 driver is still unknown. Rumours that Damon Hill might renew his partnership with Villeneuve seem unlikely and Pollock is believed to be keen on Jimmy Vasser, who drives on the CART (Indycar) circuit.

BAR said yesterday they would announce the signing of one driver either today or tomorrow, but a statement from Williams said that nothing had changed within the team and negotiations were continuing with a number of drivers. They are thought to be keen on persuading Alessandro Zanardi, who has dominated CART for the past two seasons, per cent, is it 10 per cent, is it 20 or The Association of Manage and The Association of Manage and The Association of Manage and M to make a return to Formula One.

# Bosnia completes tour of danger zones

drawn the Bosnian side Zelieznicar Sarajevo in tonight's Lefa Cup qualifying round, first leg my first thought was: "I've already played in Baghdad. Beijing and Belfast, all I need now is Beirut for the full set."

It might be OK at a swish Rolland Park dinner party to drop into the conversation that -I'm just popping off to Bosnia for a few days" - after all, it would be no more than updated radical chic. it might even be considered a "right on" destination for a caring Ninebes man; however, one group can't view it so lightly. For the wives and families who aren't going, it is a journey into the un-known where borrific stories and grisly news pictures from the very recent past are the only reference points.

It's far easier for those playing. Once there, we can size up Everton, when they were one of presented me with a massive

FER KILMARNOCK had the situation and gauge the rel-the first teams to be enticed into ative dangers. In truth, travelling with a football team is usually the safest way to visit any place that has been, until recently, considered unacceptably dangerous. Most locals are keen to show the outside world that things are improving and their country isn't primarily populated by genocidal maniacs.

Whatever happens it will be an experience to be remembered alongside those "terror trips" of the past. It was in Baghdad in 1984 with Chelsea for a game against the Iraqi national side. The most abiding memory was being made to bake slowly on the pitch for 90 minutes at 100 degrees. Apparently it was necessary for the players and fans to wait until some bloke called Saddam

turned up before we could start.

Beijing after the Tiananmen Square massacre, I would love to say that the lasting memory was being the only Westerner walking slowly across the silent square in the misty dawn, feeling all the oppression of hundreds of millions of people and the pain of the destruction of their democrabic hopes. Actually, walking across it felt sadly mundane and normal.

The most memorable moments came at a banquet, provided by the governmentbacked Chinese football authorities after the game. An over-indulgent feast scene from an Indiana Jones movie couldn't have done justice to the sumptuousness of the meal and its grandiose setting. Ten courses later and the chel, having noticed my relish for A few years later, it was with the strange, unknown cuisine,



fish head to eat. I think it was supposed to be an honour to be offered this "delicacy". The point is that they were trying. They always do with visiting sportsmen in the aftermath of

Another place where strangers fear to tread is Belfast. I recall once playing against Linfield, a team known to be strongly Protestant. With a first name of Patrick and my

coolish reception, but I couldn't have been more made to feel so welcome by a football club in my life. In fact the only other club who have been almost as welcoming were Glasgow Rangers. So much for the outsider's view of overt bigotry within modern

football clubs. So on the face of it the trip to Bosnia should be fairly safe, even if our families will not be able to breathe easily until we are back home in Scotland. I do not blame the concern though, most people have a fairly woolly understanding of what has gone on and what is going on in the Balkans. I have to say I was a mite surprised myself that the game wasn't moved to a neutral

However, no matter bow un-

Michael - I was expecting a dom or safety of playing the game, one thing is certain: it will be a very difficult one. It is alwrong. I have never been most an afterthought, but there is a game of football to be played and it is a very important one for Kilmarnock. In fact, it is just as important for Scottisb football in general.

The World Cup ended in disappointment for Scotland when we finished rock bottom of our first round group. At club level things haven't gone at all well recently either. The Uefa Cup spot that was Kilmarnock's reward for finishing fourth in the Premier League last season may not be available next time. if Celtic, Hearts. Rangers and ourselves do not perform well in our respective European competitions.

Kilmarnock do not have a chance though: last year we played in the Cup-Winners' Cup

others - Kevin. Francis, sure anyone is about the wis- after winning the Scottish Cup Michael - I was expecting a dom or safety of playing the the year before. After seeing off Shelbourne we came up against Nice, and were undone by nothing more than our own naïvety. This wasn't too surprising, as it was the first foray into Europe for every member of the team, apart from our Yugoslavian goalkeeper.

We now know and accept that every time you contest the away leg of a European tie first, the opponents will play like Juventus, but will be a pale shadow of that by the time they reach deepest Ayrshire.

So tonight we may be found using the age-old football cliches. "Let's battle out there. Defend with our lives and then get them back to Rugby Park where we can attack them." On second thoughts, we might just leave the warring metaphors to the tabloids. It's probably safer that way.

# **Minister** rejects criticism

### COMMONWEALTH GAMES

THE SPORTS' Minister of Malaysia said yesterday that problems revealed in a weeklong trial before the Commonwealth Games would be ironed out in time for a smooth start to the event, which will start in September.

"Our post-mortem of the trial shows there was inadequate signage in stadiums and some facilities were not ready." Muhyiddin Yassin said.

"What we can assure is by the time the Games come around, everything will be up and going smoothly;" he told reporters after chairing a marathon nine-bour meeting of the executive committee for the Games

Muhyiddin said the women's bockey stadium was the only Games venue that still has yet to be completed. He added that other facilities were all but complete, but said that one cycling track needed to be smoothed on advice from two consultants and some stadiums still had minor leaks.

Volunteers familiar with preparations for the Games. which run from 11 to 21 September, bowever, said that organisers may face a major hurdle with the Games results. The electronic scoring system. designed to flasb real-time results during the Games, could not be booked up to link all the five Games venues during the

The software for the system is the same used at the Barcelona Olympics but the Malaysian government wanted it customised," a volunteer said yesterday.

"The problem is they only seot out the order to accoure the software last month and the Spanish company providing the system said it could not customise it in time," the volunteer

He said that the system might be linked up in time "but we will never have the chance

of testing it properly". Muhyiddin, bowever, dismissed all suggestions that the results system might go awry during the Games.

"I don't think there's any problem or hiccup," be said. The whole scoring system will be fully integrated, and the report we have is that it has been well tested."

The Games, meant to be a showcase for Malaysia, have been a pet project for the Prime Minister of the country, Mahathir Mohamad, since be led his country's bid for the bost-

ing of the event six years ago. But an economy weakened in the last year by the Asian crisis, and other fears such as water sbortage and a recurrence of smog from regional forest fires, have put the government's aspirations under considerable strain.

# New faces to stamp mark on Old Firm

suggests success isn't enough but others must also fail might have been coined for the supporters of Celtic and Rangers.

Each side of Glasgow takes almost as much delight in the shortcomings of the other as their own successes Yet as they celebrated Rangers' dismissal from European competition last season, the Celtic supporters could not envisage that a year later their own side would have to pay for national failure

Purough the years in Europe. With Scotland at an all-time low of 26 in Uefa's rankings, two qualifying rounds have to be negotiated to reach the Champions' League and on their return at Celtic Park tonight.

There was a time when Eurepean campaigns for Scottisb clubs were just that, lasting several months and enhancing the game. Celtic and Rangers as well as Aberdeen and Dundee United all had their successes, but they seem a painfully long time ago with their heroic deeds now

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encased in the history books. Hopes among the Old Firm fans will as usual be high on the eve of another season, although the contrast between the clubs has a distinct sense of déjú vu.

Last year, the Celtic supporters looked on with a sense of impending doom as Rangers geared up for an assault on a 10th title by introducing seven new players to team up with Paul Gascoigne and Brian Laudrup. Celbc, meanwhile, were stalling on their appointment of 8 bead coach, eventually bringing in Wim Jansen who led the dub to their first title in 10 years

while Rangers won nothing. Again this summer Rangers

THE AMERICAN maxim that The arrival of foreign coaches and fresh talent has raised expectations in Glasgow. By David McKinney

> diplomacy in attracting some £20m-worth of talent to Ibrox and the replacement of Walter Smith by Dick Advocaat has prompted the same sense of anticipation that the Blues will be dominant.

> Celtic again stalled on the appointment of a coach, with Doctor Jozef Veoglos coming in for Jansen just last week. The edge he has is that the squad is in place - a group of players which won two trophies and supplied 10 players to the World Cup.

Supporters who warmed to to that competition for the first the previously unknown Jansen time in 10 years Celtic will face were again scratching their been charged with the de-St Patrick's Athletic of Ireland heads as the one-time Aston mands of replacing the likes of Villa coach was unveiled.

The vitriol was directed at Jock Brown, the club's chief executive, who has become a target for the fans. Brown, they claim, is not a true Celtic man, he has interfered with team selection and has delayed appointments of players and

While those fears appear to be largely without foundation, they highlight the deflated mood of the Parkhead camp, which should still be on a high given the successes of last season.

Venglos will be given time to prove his worth and before his first game in charge he declared himself happy with the group of players he has inherited from Jansen.

"I wasn't sure they were intelligent as players, but having spent some time with them I now know this. So many players we have bere are skillful

and are passing-game players. "There is a good blend to the squad and the assimilation of have operated chequebook styles and quality between the

bome players and the others is now very common in Europe,' Venglos, who is a respected coaching figure in the game, admitted to a few nerves ahead of his debut, but added; "I am not a beginner in my job, although this is a big club both oow and historically."

Across the city, the quality of Rangers' oew signings is evideot in the arrival of Artur Numan and Giovanni Van Bronckhorst from the Dutch World Cup squad as well as Andref Kanchelskis. They have Richard Gough, Andy Goram and Ally McCoist.

David Murray, the Rangers chairman, is well aware of the demands at Ibrox. "Rangers need to be at the top of football. We are a big club, so we have to compete financially if we wish to play at the highest level.

"We're going through a massive rebuilding process - we did not win the championship last year and our supporters and everyone at the club feels we bave got to retain the title. To become No 1 in Scotland again is our priority.

"We came to the end of a very, very exciting, rewarding year and we are at the beginning of a new era under Dick Advocaat."

Rangers are in Tranmere tonight for a game against Shelbourne of Ireland in the Uefa Cup, hoping to avoid the pitfalls of previous seasons.

A healthy dose of realism must qualify prospects this time, although the feeling at both clubs is positive.



The new Celtic coach, Jozef Venglos (left), chats to Jock Brown at Parkhead

# Maldini to make way for Zoff

CESARE MALDINI'S tenure as the coach of the Italian national side has officially ended, the Italian football federation announced yesterday.

Maldini had met the federation's president, Luciano Nizzola, in Turin on Saturday and agreed on the change. Nizzola will decide on a successor "in the coming days," a statement from his office said.

Reports indicated that Dino Zoff, the former goalkeeper and captain of the Azzurri, and now president of the Serie A club Lazio, was likely to be hired as coach this week, thus becoming the third person to bold the post in 19 months.

Maldini, whose contract expires at the end of the year, has been offered another position with the national football body.

Under his guidance, Italy scraped into the World Cup finals through a two-game playoff before losing on penalties to the eventual winners, France. in the quarter-finals.

The Uefa president, Lennart Jobansson, has said be will await reaction from the national associations of clubs involved before commenting on the idea

of a European "super league". "It is not a shock that the clubs should get together. Not doing so would be anti-democratic," be said.

Last month, Mahathir was subjected to a barrage of criticism after a computer glitch bad made a mess of initial onerations at the new Kuala Lumpur International Airport the opening of which had been speeded up to coincide with the

# **Baister sets** up panel to plan Tests

RUGBY UNION BY DAVID LLEWELLYN

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BRIAN BAISTER, Twickenham's new chairman of the board has wasted no time in getting things moving. Yesterday he set up a five -man panel, chaired by the former England captain Bill Beaumont, to work out a four-year cycle of Tests for the national team. The others on the panel are the Rugby Football Union's technical director, Don Rutherford, the England coach, Clive Woodward, and International Board representatives John Jeavons-Fellows and Malcolm Phillips. Beaumont, who is chairman the National Playing committee, said last night: "Our priority is to draft an internaional programme for England Which is challenging, but which also reflects strong logistical and

administrative criteria. We must

hot repeat the schedule of this

year's summer tour, but produce

<sup>an agenda</sup> gives England every

Prortunity of playing and beat-

ing the top sides in the world."

ATHLETICS

Great Britain will take a 50-strong team to the World Junior Championships in Annexy, France, from 22 July to 2 August. The size of the squad reflects the current strength in Britain's youth athletics.
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3 Perez (Ecu) 1.29:18.4. Decachhlor: 1 D O'Bten (US) B.75Spts (best in the world this year): 2 C Huffres (US) B.76: 3 T Dectak (C2 Rep) B.54m; 2 E Wakder (US) B.3B S.76: 3 T Dectak (C2 Rep) B.54m; 2 E Wakder (US) B.3B Rodarento (Bus) 5.700; 3 B Wilson (US) 56.575. Baskerball: Roundroble, group A: Lithuania B1 Argentina 77 (or); Russa B1 Austraia 73. Group B: Brazil 96 Puerto Rico 92; United States 91 China 76. Synchromized swimmilog: Duet: 1 O Brousnikina/M Kisseleva (Rus) 99,016 pts: 2 K Lum/B May (US) 97.979; 3 M Tachibana/M Takeda (Japan) 97.286. Team finalt 1 Russla 98.774 pts; 2 United States 97.943: 3 Japan 97.374. Wilser 10, prefinalnary round-robln: Spain 7 Russia 7: United States 7 (taly 4. Wilsomerc 200m: 1 M Jones (US) 21.80ec (Jastes in the world this year); 2 Z Pintusevict (UK) 22.65. 3 B McDonald (Jam) 12.78; 3 M Freeman (Jus) 15:54.93: 3 L Krentyova (Rus) 16:00.20.
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BOX)NG

Roberto Duran, the 47-yeat-old American, will try to become a world champion for the first time in nine years when he challenges William Joppy for the World Boxing Associ-ation middleweight title on 29 July

Paul Ingle, the Commonwealth heavyweight champion, will fight the Ukrainian Rakhim Mingaleev for the International Boxing Otganisa-tion World super-bantamweight IItion World super-bantamweight Il-tie in his home town of Scarborough on 8 August. FOOTBALL

George Weah, the former world footballer of the year, has extended his contract at Milan through to June 2001. The 32-year-old Liber-

ian striker's previous deal runs out Reading are to play two testimoni-al matches as a farewell to Elm Park, which has been their home since 1896. The first will take place on 2 August against the reassembled team which won the 1994 Second Division championship

Middlesbrough will play this season's Pontins League home matches at Billingham to prevent deterioration of the surface at the Riverside Stadium. Stockport County have signed Gra-ham Branch, the Transmere striker, on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling after he rejected an offer of a new contract at Rovers.
FRIENDLY MATCH: Huddersfield 1 Old-

ham 0.

MRONEMAY'S LATE RESULTS: Friendly matches: Hitchin 0 Barnet 1: Berwick 1 Lincoin City 0; Famborough 3 Gillimgham 2: Tamworth 0 Northempton 2: Purfleet 1 West Ham 6: Northallerton 3 Darlington 0: Cork City 0 Swonsea 2: Longford 0 Norwich 4: Limerick 0 Shrewsbury 2: Bohemlans 1 Portsmouth 1: Drogheda 0 Falklirk 1: Crusades 0 Peterborough 3: Stockport 1 Grimsby 0; Bray XI 0 Crewe 1: Wresham 3 Huddersheld 0; Winsford Utd 1 Bury 2.

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(Swe) 251.11; 6 K Robbins (US) 248.47;
7 O Andrews (US) 235.72; 8 C Johnson
(US) 217.78; 9 J Instser (US) 194.51; 10
P Kurst (US) 137.68; Ocher GB: 12 L
Hackney 176.33; 14 T Johnson 155.33;
17 A Nikholas 146.33; 46 K Marshall
63.63; S8 J Morkey 55.35; 62 H Dobson
53.36; 65 C Matthew 51.26; 76 H
Medsworth 45.88; 83 L Parcough 42.41;
96 D Red 35.51; 87 C McMillan 34.00.
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South Africa 4 England 4 (England lead
five-lest series 1-0). ICE HOCKEY

SPORTING DIGEST

Ed Courtenay has left Sheffield eelers and returned to his formet club in the United States after be-ing swayed by the offer of a green card. Superleague's leading scorer last season has opted to rejoin the East Coast Hockey League's South Carolina Stingrays, despite Sheffield offering a greater financial incentive.

JUDO

Germany's Olympic world champion Udo Quellmalz is to take charge of the British men's and women's teams from 1 November on a two-year contract, just three months af-ter his own tetlrement from competition, Quellmalz, who won world titles in 1991 and 1995, will be asked to reconstruct the teams. which have been through uneasy years under a succession of coach-es, including Neil Adams, and more latterly Mark Earle and Diane Bell.

Laurie Daley, the Australian captain. is likely to miss the remainder of the 1998 season after undergoing knee surgery yesterday.

RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY UNION Troy Coker, the former Australian World Cup player has announced his retirement from representative rugby at the age of 33.

South Africa have named an un-changed team for Saturday's Iti-Nations Test against New Zealand In Wellington, It is the same 15 which beat Australia in Perth last Saturday. SOUTH APPRICAN TEAMS P Montgomery 5 Terblanche, A Snyman, P Rossouni, P Muller H Honitall, I van der Westhulzen: G Teich-mann (capit), A Venter, K Otto, M Andrews, J Erasmus, A Garvey, J Dalton, R Kempson,

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(Sp) 5-4 6-2; B Ulihrach (Cz Rep) bx S Grosjean (Fr) 7-5 6-2; C Costa (Sp) bx R Vissek
(Cz Rep) 6-2 6-0; S Dosedel (Cz Rep) bx M Rosset (Swit) 6-3 6-4; F Squallari (Arg)
bx N Lapentri (Ecu) 6-2 3-6 6-1; G Raous
(Fr) bx D Sanguinetti (It) 6-2 7-6; A Portas (Sp) bx T Johansson (Swe) 7-6 6-4; R
Fromberg (Aus) bx J A Martin (Sp) 7-6 6-1.
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EUROPEAN UNDER-16 CHAMPI-EUROPEAN UNDER-16 CHAMPI-ONSHIPS (Hatfield) Borg' singles, sec-ond round: M Youzhny (Rus) bt O kindimann (Ger) 6-2 7-5; M Radic (Croal bt M Krenn (Aut) 6-4 6-4; R Thys (Bet) bt M Kunnap (Est) 3-6 6-3 5-1; A Balzekos (Lith) bt O Nickodim (Rom) 7-6 6-3; T Ro-biedo (Sp) bt P Rusevski (Maced) 6-0 6-1; L Childs (GB) bt H Birkner (Lie) 6-4 6-4; J

FRIENDLY MATCHES (7.30 unless

trated): Baldock v Watford: Bromsgrove Northampton (7.45); Finn Harps v Portsmouth (7.45); Bray Wanderers XI v

Swansea; Home Farm Everton v Norwich: St Francis v Falkirk, Stoke v Cardiff, Chorley

Malgret [Fr] bt M Kamermans [Netn] 6-4
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6-3: D Ferrer [Sp] bt M Guman [Slowen]
6-11-6-6-3: S Wauters [Bel] bt K Lazarakis (Gr] 6-0 6-2. Glirb\* sängless, second round: S Seotl (Aus) bt D Hanbuchova [Slovak] 6-4 6-3: T Perebynis (Ulor) bt A Juu-ria [Fin] 6-1 6-0: M Samolleniko (Rus) bt N Cultum (Stoven) 5-7 7-6 -3; D Bedanova [Cz Rep) bt C Raba [Rom] 6-2 6-7 6-3: H Collin [GB] br B Beiecz [Hun] 6-2 6-1: F Razzano [Fr) bt G Sartakherdinova [Rus] bt T Zedginize (Geor) 6-1 6-0: Gaspa [Rom] bt B Hellwig [Aut] 7-6 4-6 6-3; R Vinci [Ini bt O Kroves (Uriq) 6-4 6-2. M Hoogland (Nech) bt D Kaden [Aus] bt J Lindstrom (Swe) 6-1 6-6-4; S Juk; (Vug) br K Kuliesyke (Lit) 5-7 7-5 6-3; S Hrozerska (Slowen) bt A Polica (GB) 4-6 6-1 7-6. M Marrero (Sp) bt J Lindstrom (Swe) 6-1 6-6-6; M Marrero (Sp) bt J Lindstrom (Swe) 6-1 6-6-6 Ch M Burk (Ger) bt A Parlisson (Croa) bt C Schaul [Lin] 6-4 6-4; M Marrero (Sp) bt J Lindstrom (Swe) 6-1 6-6-6; M Hoogland (Nech) [Kr) 5-7 5-6-3; S Hrozerska (Slowen) bt M Marrero (Sp) bt J Lindstrom (Swe) 6-1 6-6-6; M Hoogland (Nech) [Kr) 5-7 5-6-3; S Hrozerska (Slowen) bt M Herrico (Sp) bt J Lindstrom (Swe) 6-1 6-6-6; M Hoogland (Nech) [Kr) 5-7 5-6-3; S Hrozerska (Slowen) bt M Marrero (Sp) bt J Lindstrom (Swe) 6-1 6-7 6 Ch M Hoogland (M Cr) 5-7 6-3; S Hrozerska (Slowen) bt M Marrero (Sp) bt J Lindstrom (Swe) 6-1 6-6-6; M Hoogland (M Cr) 5-6-6; M Hoogland (M Cr) 5-6-6; M Hoogland Hall (GB) 4-6 6-1 7-6.
MONDAY'S LATE RESUTLS: LTA Inter
County Cup Grass-Court Championships:

TODAY'S FIXTURES FOOTBALL

v Wigan; Goole v Hull; Alfreton Town v Rocherbarn; Evesham Utd v Hereford; Drosheda Utd v Crewe; Waterford v Shrewsbury; Oldham v Whesham (3.00); isle of Man v Stockport (7.15); Runcom v Tranmere; Carshallon v Millwall; Sr Min-EUROPEAN CUP Pirst qualifying round, first leg: Celtic v St Patrick's Athletic (7.45); Dynamo Klev v Barry Town (6.00); Cliftonville v FC Kosice (7.30). (6.00); Climomille v PC Rosice (7.30). UBERA CUP First qualifying round, firsz leg: Omonia Nicosa v Linfleld (6.00); New-town v Krahow (7.00); Shethourne v Rangers (7.45); Zelleznicai v Klimarnock (7.30). ren v Bournemouth: Hyde Dtd v Hallface Ards v Peterborough: Harlow Town v Ar-senal (7.45): Atherstone v Telford: Chester-field v Nottm Forest (7.45).

SPEEDWAY FLITE LEAGUE: King's Lynn v Coventry (7.45): Poole v Wolverhampton (7.30). PREMIER LEAGUE FOUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull v Peterborough v Shefrield v Stoke (7.30) Make Group 1 [Eastbourna): Hampshire and lete of Wight bt Bucks 6-3, Group 2 (Cronner): Yorks bt Muddlesex 6-3; Letcs bt Notts 8-1: Essex bt Surrey 7-2 Groups 3 [Huststanteon): Lines bt Whits 6-3; Cambs bt Dorsel 7-2: Derbys bt Hereford and Words 6-3 Group 5 (Bawwicks bt Heris 6-3; S Wales bt Northaris 5-4; W Scotland bt Cheshare 6-3 Group 5 (Southshas): Nor folk bt Ourham and Cleveland 6-3; N Scotland bt Ourham and Cleveland 6-3; N Scotland bt Ghamp 6 (Bude): Susser br N Wales 7-2, Group 6 (Bude): Susser br N Wales 7-2, Group 6 (Bude): Susser br N Wales 7-2, Group 6 (Bude): Susser br N Wales 6-3; Surrey bt Slands 6-3; Cornwall bt Cunnins 9-0; Sulfroik bt 5 Scotland 8-1; Shropshire bt 15te of Man 6-3; Minomen: Group 1 (Eastbournet): Warwicks bt Swales 6-3; Surrey bt Susser 6-3; Muddlesex bt Lands 6-3; Group 2 (Nottinghami): Nert bt Yorks 8-1; Kent bt Susser 5-4; Letcs bt Verks 6-3; Group 4 (Caeltie bt Cambs 5-4; Glours bt Durham 6 (Leehite bt Cambs 5-4; Glours bt Durham 6 (Leehite bt Cambs 5-4; Glours bt Durham 6 (Leehite bt Cambs 5-4; Glours bt Cunham 6-1; Escotland bt Avon 5-4 Group 7 (Beckenham): Somerset bt Cumbria 8-1; Escotland bt Avon 5-4 (Group 7) (Beckenham): Somerset bt Cumbria 8-1; Escotland bt Scotland 5-4; Suffok bt Channel Islands 9-0; Cornwall bt Isle of Man 8-1

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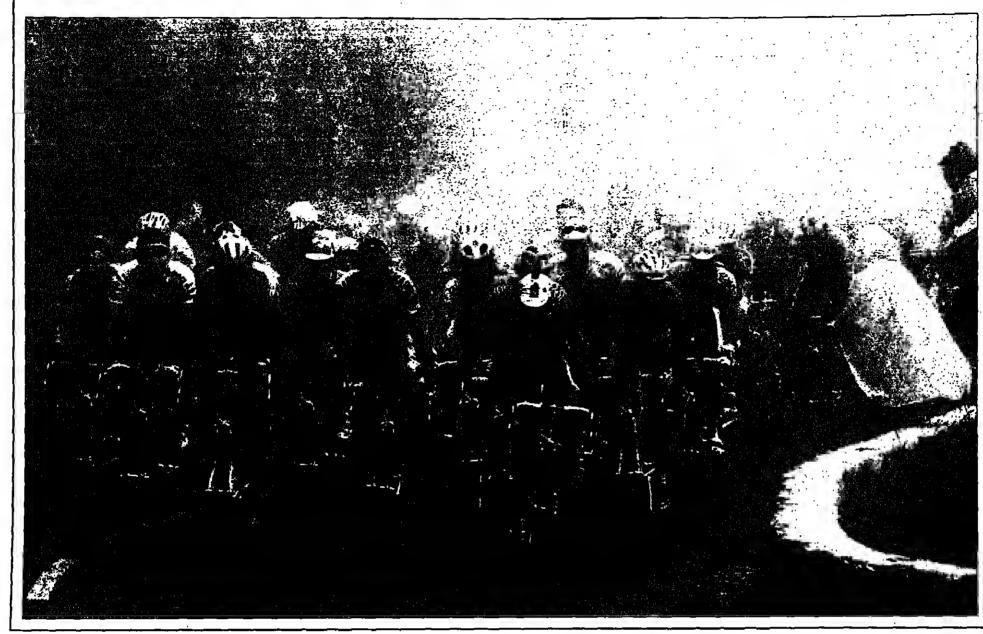
The number of international caps won by Dino Zoff, the former goalkeeper who is expected to succeed Cesare Maldini as Italy's new

national coach



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# Mountain mists make even the Tour leader look lost





The Tour de France headed into the mountains yesterday on a day when Jan Ullrich, the reigning champiou, saw the hopes of some of his rivals disappear into the mists of the Pyrenees. Among those who could not live with the pace was the holder of the yellow jersey, Laurent Desbiens (above), who dismounted on the descent of the Col d'Anbisque as he waited in vain for his team-mate. Francesco Casagrande, who had to retire after suffering injuries in a fall. Ullrich took over the yellow jersey after finishing less than a minute behind the stage winner, Rodolfo Massi. The American Bobby Julich has emerged as Ullrich's main challenger

Tour reports, page 26; Photographs: AP and Reuters

# Liverpool chase keeper Barthez

FOOTBALL BY ALAN NIXON

a new goalkeeper to Antield, and is making enquiries about Paraguay's Jose Luis Chilavert

and France's Fabien Barthez. Houllier, who has the main say in transfer matters, has decided that neither Brad Friedel nor David James are suitable in Liverpool's No 1 position. He has already had a £2m offer for Chilavert rejected, but still now

perb in the World Cup finals and generally rated one the best in the business. A mayerick player, he also takes free-kicks and penalties, but it was his safe hands and motivational quali-

ties that impressed in France. The Velez Sarsfield president, Raul Gamez, said Liverpool had offered £2m but the club want £3.3m. "The offer that Liv-

hopes to install a new man in erpool made is similar to one a barbaric business decision to pool's fortunes in the wake of his Collins. "We have made an in-

can't sell him for the amount of money we are being offered." Chilavert, livid at the deci-

sion, said: "This shows me that the people in charge at the club are the players' enemies. They've completely messed me around and until they pay me what they owe me I'm not training. I am nearly 33, and for myself and Velez Sarsfield it was

time for the start of the season. Boca Juniors made last year turn down this [Liverpool] bid."

Chilavert, 32, is rated at over which we didn't accept," he said. It is understood that Liverpool turn down this [Liverpool] bid."

Their other option, Barthez, is available for E3m from Monaco. The World Cup winner was a surprise success in France and is keen to move to England. He turned down Marseilles this week to spark speculation about joining Liverpool.

Houllier has decided he needs a top flight goalkeeper in his attempt to revive Liver-

cost him any long-term chance of a recall.

Houllier completed his first foray into the transfer market yesterday when he completed the £3.5m signing of Norwegian defender, Vegard Heggem.

Everton have confirmed their interest in the Monaco and

Scotland midfielder, John

and his unpredictability has before we can say that we have entered into full negotiations." West Ham are set to sign

Chilean centre-back Javier Margas in a £1.7m deal within the next week. The Hammers manager, Harry Redknapp, has been trying to agree a price for the defender with his club. Universidad

a work permit application.

Cattolica, while pushing through

for around £5m from Italian side

the deal, as he was unsure of his

role at Old Trafford, but after a

telephone conversation with

Ferguson, the 24-year-old has

with central defender Colin

Hendry to reassure him he re-

mains the backbone of their

side. The Scottish captain -

Blackburn have held talks

Blomqvist had wavered over

Parma today.

agreed to sign.

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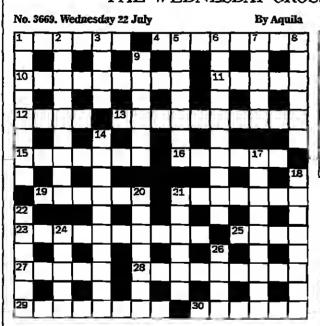
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promise figure of around £1.5m. Arsenal were yesterday told. they can forget all about buying French World Cup hero Thierreported to be interested in the plinary committee.

pool's fortunes in the wake of his arrival. Friedel had a mixed quiry along with a number of start to his career at Anfield but other clubs," Walter Smith, the and hope to fly him in from Champions' League, but has ry is an important part of Monaco's future and he is staying

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# Delays threaten Foe's transfer

BY ALAN NIXON

MANCHESTER UNITED are trying to tie up a £4m deal for Marc-Vivien Foe in secret to beat off rival bids from Everton

and Newcastle United. It had been reported that the Cameroon midfielder had gone back to his club, Lens, in France on Monday after failing medical checks on a broken leg. In fact, Foe stayed in Manchester for a further X-ray at a local private hospital before meeting Alex Ferguson, the United manager, again at the club's training ground yester-

day.
Ferguson was said to be unhappy when he discovered that there were other clubs trying to sign Foe, a player he has chased for months. Nor were United pleased that the price

had gone up as a result. United at first issued an official statement saying that Foe was "considerably away from fitness". However, it is believed that they have been hoping for more time to sort out the play-

er's future in further talks. Foe is keep to join United and has pledged to honour his verbal agreement with them after months of talks that were only interrupted by his injury before the World Cup finals. However, Foe has said that he will speak to other hidders if the Old Trafford club carry on stalling over the transfer. The player's agents had still not agreed the deal last night.

They were believed to be un-

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happy with the suggestions that Foe has an injury problem, United. The Swedish international winger underwent a feeling that their player has medical at Old Trafford yesbeen made to look like a bad terday and is expected to sign

The delays could lead to United not getting their man. Foe is adamant that he moves in the next few days and if United do not come up with the right terms he may go elsewhere. Ferguson is desperate to secure his signature and some hard bargaining will be

done in the next 48 hours. However, now the reports of Foe's return to France have been found to be false, Everton and Newcastle are back on red

Ferguson looks to have secured one of his transfer targets yesterday, Jesper Blomqvist agreeing personal terms with



who still has three years left on his contract at Ewood Park has been linked with a move to Rangers, but Blackburn have

again said he is not leaving. Rovers' chief executive. John Williams, insists that Blackburn have no intention of selling Hendry, who is due to start a benefit season, "I met with Colin just to make sure we all knew what the situation was and he knows how important he is in our plans for the coming season," Williams said.

Tottenham are still interested in signing Ipswich's Ar-gentinian wing-back Mauricio Taricco. The 25-year-old, signed for £175,000 from Argentinos Juniors four years ago, is highly rated by Spurs' new chief scout Charlie Woods - who moved to White Hart Lane from Ipswich earlier this month.

The Ipswich chairman, David Sheepshanks, confirmed there has been an inquiry from Spurs about Taricco and said: "The ball is in Tottenham's court."

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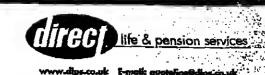
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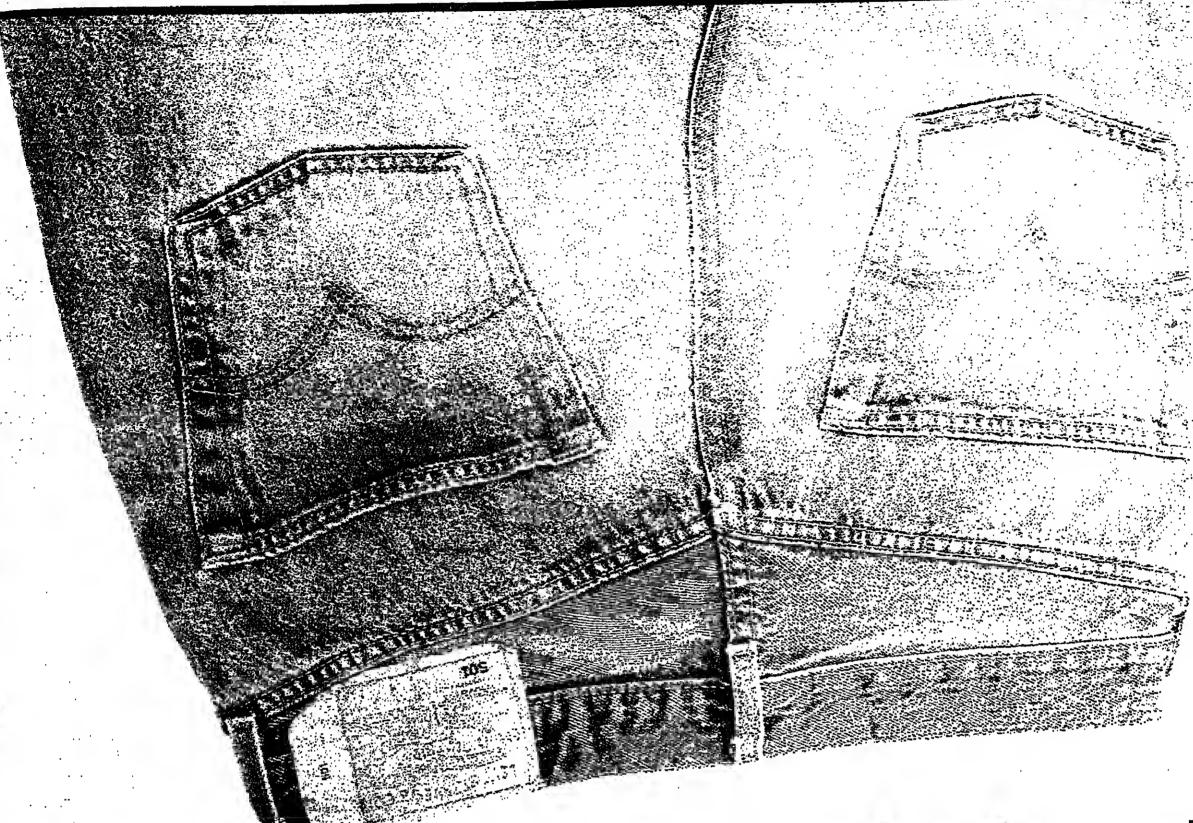
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# As worn by the sad, the old and Jeremy Clarkson

(So if the bottom's falling out of the jeans market, why are Levi's and company so pleased with themselves?)

hellious legwear was pretty was to send away to some dodgy Loodon PO hox oo. via small ad in the back of the NME for a pair of "split knee looos". These arrived eight weeks later, paper thin, with drunkenly stitched hems and a size too small. They looked good if you happened to have a physique like Robert Plant in his skinny prime, and pretty damn stupid if you did not. Leather strides were another option, but you couldn't get into many pubs round my way looking like a dirty grebo. You could wait a couple of years for Vivienne Westwood and Malcolm McLareo to invent boodage trousers, then wait a further year or two for the nasty, snide copies to make their way along the M62. Or you could wear jeans.

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I chose jeans, mainly because I didn't have much choice but also because I had seen pictures of James Dean and Marion Brando wearing them. I had been sold the American dream via advertising hoardings and cinema commercials and it had hooked me good and proper.

Jeans, and we're talking about the kind of pale blue, bromide duds you can buy at Tesco here, are not rebellious any more. They are "normal". Michael Winner wears jeans. In fact, worse than that, Mirhael Winner talks about how he wears jeans, boasting in his Sunday Times restaurant column that he pulls on a pair when he dines at establishments where more formal attire is usually required.

Oth, what a wild one.

Tony Blair wears jeans when he's laying the People's PM thing on thick, and Ian "Lovejoy" McShane wears jeans with cowboy boots and a leather jacket He also sports a mullet hairstyle (short on top

ack in my day, the choice of rebellious legwear was pretty limited if you happened to grow up outside London. Optioo one was to send away to some dodgy Loodon PO hox oo. via a small ad in the back of the NME for a pair of "split kneelloos". These arrived eight with a mith drankenty stitched and "leave it long at the hack, please") which completes the look rather nicely. Jeremy Clarksoo, though rather taller than Lovejoy, teods toward a similar style. He dresses like a lanky Uppingham sixth-former who uses phrases such as "this car has the kind of looks that could snap knicker elastic at 100 yards", and still believes that the Tom Rohinson Band's first album is the epitome of coot; suede cowboy boots, hlack leather jacket and oasty, really nasty, stone-washed jeans.

And what do all these people have in commoo? They are middle-aged and very, very uncool. It was this rather sorry trio of male anti-icons (Easy Jeans wearers all, if you ask me) that the Duily Mail picked out earlier this week, as the men to hlame for the slump in sales of jeans.

It was bound to happen. According to a report compiled for the clothing industry by the researchers AC Neilsen, annual sales have fallen from 22 million to 18.8 million pairs, shrinking the market from £609.5 million in 1996/97 to £561.2 million in 1998. The researchers are putting this down to what one tabloid has nicknamed "the Clarkson effect". Fun though it is to lay the hlame at the door of the Top Gear presenter and his fellow style-dookeys, it has to be admitted that there are other reasons too.

reasons too.

The decline of the jean can also be attributed to the first real major trouser cult for 20 years – combat pants. These days the combat trouser is king. Combats, or, as they've now been rechristened by the people at The Gap, "cargo pants", are the new jeans. Bona fide Army surplus may have dried up years ago, but it probably will not have escaped your notice that the market for freshly manufactured Army strides, with pockets half-way down the thighs, is booming. Just cast your eye across any of Britain's high streets and you will see that around half of the people under 30, girls and boys, are wearing them.

But as this military boom enters its third summer, putting the kibosh oo any resurgeoce in the denim market, what must be so galling for the folks down at Levi Strauss and Wrangler is this: jeans

have never been so hip.

Among Britain's stylish smartypants, the jean is still king. It is worn baggy and oversized, with massive turn-ups - the crucial red "selvedge" stripe on the outside seam proudly on display, and a bold splash of white paint across the back pockets in a side-on "3" design. That logo may look a hit like the Levi's machine-stitched back-pocket swoosh, but it really belongs to the Japanese clothing label Evisu.

Which is where it all gets a hit complicated.

Nowadays, teenagers are spoiled rotteo for choice in the trouser department. They can wear

# BY SIMON MILLS

chinos, khakis, combats, haggies and sweat pants. They even wear shorts and sarongs. Well David Beckham does anyway. They wear trousers in velvet, canvas and cord. They really do prefer manmade fabrics such as nylon, ultrasuede, Goretex, Polartec fleece, to natural ooes like cotton and cashmere. They are oot intimidated by modernity. Indeed they embrace it, and accessorise it with cyber-accessories such as the ubiquitous Casio G-Shock digital wristwatch and pairs of silver Nike Air Max which look like the kind of shoes Luke Skywalker would have pestered his mum for, had there been a j-D Sports in a galaxy far, far away. Autheoticity, a key word in the Filofax style lexicon, is oot particularly at issue today. Fakes are admired; copies are worn ironically. "Classics" are deconstructed, thoroughly examined, improved and then sold back to the G-Shock kids for silly money. Which brings us back to those clever people at Evisu.

Long acknowledged as confirmed jean junkies (the late Eighties were littered with stories of people being stopped oo the King's Road by trendy Japs who would offer £800 cash for the vintage Big E jean jacket off your back) the Japanese are also known jacket off your back).

With Evisu, the smart Tokyo designer Mr Yamane, who started the hrand, simply watched his fashionable friends scrabbling around, endlessly searching for denim nirvana and the perfect pair of unworn, dark hlue "big E" 501s (which they would probably never find) and gave them a credible alternative. Evisu jeans (formerly Evis – but that proved to be a bit too much for Levi's) were a slow-hurning suc-

Evisu cost serious money (an average pair sells for £120) but they were serious jeans too – prefect-style fodder for the trainspotting mentality of those who were spending daft amounts on rare Nikes and old Pac Man video-game consoles. These days Evisu has a £1m turnover in the UK and is available in about 65 outlets. Not huge figures, you may think, but enough of a warning for Levi's and co that the market is changing. The idea of a "noo-authentic" pair of American jeans run up by some Far Eastern chancer would he abhorreot to the stylists of my day. But, hey, that's kids today for you.

There is another element to the decline in jeans sales. Over the years the purity of jeans, that original, on-nonsense workwear non-design heauty which jeans once had, has been spoiled with over-diversification. Levi's is now acknowledged as a clothing hrand as much as it is a jeans hrand. The company does sweatshirts, T-shirts, belts, underwear. And jeans.

Despite this, Levi's hig-production TV ads continue to get the nod from the Soho in-the-know lot. hreaking in new cutting-edge directors and spawning hit records. Predictably, of all the big three (that's

Long acknowledged as confirmed jean junkies

Levi's, Lee and Wrangler) it is Levi's that has emharked upon the most creative rearguard action.

Its flagship store oo Loodon's Regent Street is still a geouine retail wonderland - a cavernous minimal that continues to delight visiting teenagers. The company has also started producing the styles that Evisu and co had the nous to imitate in the first place. Most recently a limited edition pair, produced by the San-Francisco-based company to celebrate its 150th anniversary, has got the denim cognoscentiforming at the mouth

foaming at the mouth.

Only 150 pairs have been made, they promise, to the original specifications of the first-ever pair of Levi's. We're talking serious less-is-more-stuff here. These limited-edition pants are made from the darkest indigo dening, and have only one back pock-

et, oo belt loops and only three fly buttons.

No doubt they will prove to be worth a fortune to both collectors and to Levi Strauss, which clearly sees such clever marketing as a vital step in confirming its status as the world's jean king.

firming its status as the world's jean king.

The sales of Levi's jeans may have fallen by 7.8 per cent (Wranglers are down 9 per cent, Lee's have fallen by 12.9 per cent) hut before you shed a tear for the world's most renowned denim behemoth,

Levi's diffusion brand Dockers, the answer to the sartorial problem thrown up by the "dress-down Friday" phenomenoo in America is doing rather well, thank you very much. These inoffensive, khaki-influeoced slacks have proved to be the hot pants of the Nineties, and between their introduction in 1986 and 1994 sales had reached \$1bn, with more than 150 million pairs sold in less than 10 years. Some 92 per cent of American meo aged between 18 and 49 are aware of the Dockers hrand and two out of three of them own a pair. On average they own three

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What is ME?

Sir. So, the Government now acknowledges chronic fatigue

urges doctors to take ME

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Edinburgh

syndrome (CFS) as an entity, but

still does not accept ME ("Calman

seriously", 17 July). The two terms

are not synonymous, as widely

thought, and this confusion is the

key reason why psychiatric factors

are still thought by some to be the

For years, a figure of about 0.3

per cent of the population having ME has been supported by sev

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was put forward in 1996 by the

Royal College of Psychiatrists

name ME and call it CFS-au

cent actually having ME. laboratory tests do find physical

abnormalities in patients,

including immune imbalances.

links to pesticides, evidence of virus DNA and muscle

I hope the new panel will give some thought to differentiating ME

from CFS , or ME sufferers may be

Sir. I very much welcome the new. working group on ME set up by the retiring Chief Medical Officer, Sir

Kenneth Calman. My one concern is that it might have a psychiatric

It is to be hoped that it will

effective laboratory test for more rapid diagnosis of ME patients.

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### Curbing the car

Sir. David Aaronovitch's excellent article on the challenge of getting people out of their cars ("Sorry, Mr Prescott, but only coercion will drive our cars off the road", 21 July) made many salient points. It is a huge challenge.

However, he is wrong to assume that "even substantially enhanced public transport reduces car use only marginally". In Manchester, the example he quotes, the Metrolink tram system has taken 2.5 million car journeys every year off the road, and 65 per cent of its passengers own a car. This is a significant result, and across the UK, in towns and cities where transport providers and local authorities work in tandem on traffic planning, bus passenger figures have been going up, by up to 40 per cent. The Government has chosen to formalise these "quality partnerships", and more will subsequently be springing up

No one pretends that any solution will be instant or easy. What this Government has done with its transport White Paper is to provide an environment in which public transport can flourish. Gradually, through a mixture of the coercion that Mr Aaronovitch proposes and improved public transport provision, the habitual car driver will get the message. MICHAEL BARTLETT Confederation of Passenger Transport UK

across the country.

Sir: David Aaronovitch, like almost everyone writing on urban transport planning, implies that there is no personal transport between a bicycle and a car.

There is - the powered twowheeler (PTW). I mean not the noisy, splashy, oily "motorcycle", but the modern, clean, weatherresistant, user-friendly scooter (in its new incarnation with automatic drive and choke, excellent suspension and brakes and useful luggage provision). There is also its big brother - the latest innovation - the feet-forward super scooter (known as the "sofabike" in Germany).

Sales are climbing faster than for any other type of vehicle as more and more people learn of their comfort, convenience and economy. Transport planners need to take real notice and include the needs of PTWs in their planning. Think of the reduction in congestion, road wear, fuel use, pollution and parking problems when even one third (a realistic proportion) of solitary rush-hour car drivers have taken to 100mpg. narrow, light two-wheelers. IAN LESLIE Ludlow, Shropshire

Sir. With all the talk of protecting the environment by reducing the number of cars on the road no one. it seems, is facing up to reality. The political parties are united in one thing; their solution is to increase the cost of motoring, particularly the price of petrol. The £6 gallon is envisaged; they can then sit back and wait for the extra revenue to pour into the Treasury.
The only people who will be

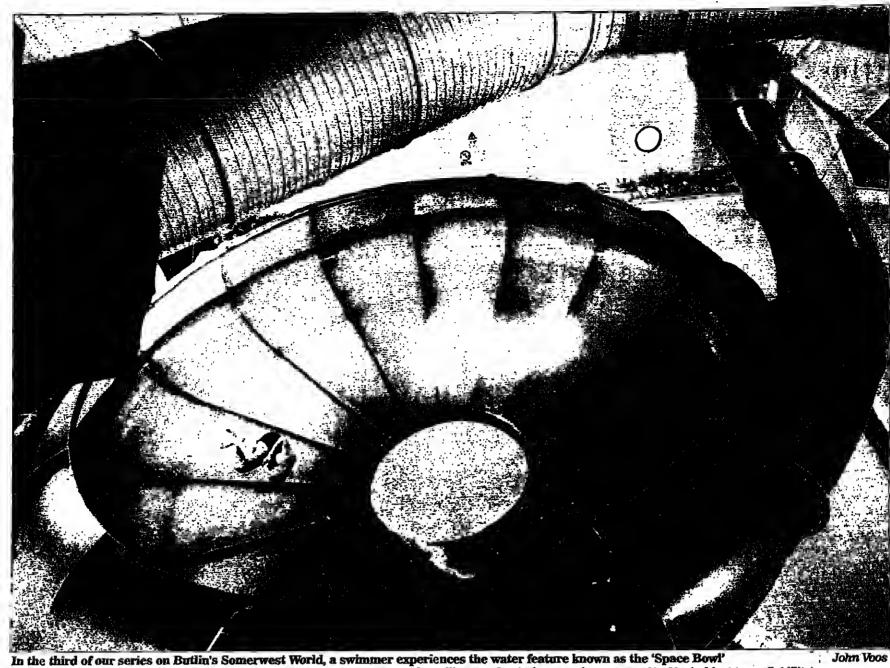
forced to give up their cars as a result of this measure will be those least able to do without them. People in rural communities have already been penalised by "centralisation". In many areas they have lost their local post office, grocery store, school, doctor and cottage hospital. They have no choice but to use their cars, as hus services in such areas are virtually non-existent

There is one remedy which would be fair to all - petrol rationing. It has been done before: a basic allowance of coupons for every car owner, with supplements for doctors, taxi firms, hauliers, in fact any business dependent on the mobility of its staff.

The rest of us would soon come to terms with the need to husband our quota of coupons, to cut out unnecessary local journeys and conserve their use for that longer trip. The railway and bus services would be encouraged by the greater demand to improve their

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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timetables, and perhaps even to lower their prices.

Of course there would be howls of outrage if any party had the courage to propose this, but only by drastic action will anything be achieved. If, as we are warned, the number of cars is set to double in 10-15 years, what is the alternative? Mrs KATHLEEN J WOOD Bournemouth, Dorset

Sir. Having recently fled London's filthy, overcrowded, over-priced, unreliable and distinctly insalubrious public transport system, can I point out that the only way the Government can lure motorists away from their cars is to ensure that trains, Tube trains and buses are clean, frequent, fast, reliable and, most importantly, safe? It is essential that uniformed staff are around in abundance to discourage fighting, vomiting, harassment, vandalism, the letting-off of fire extinguishers and

Unfortunately many motorists, particularly women, will continue to prefer to sit in traffic jams in the relative safety of their cars unless something is done to reverse the trend towards unmanned stations and trains and one-man buses. This trend represents a false economy and a change of policy would create much needed job opportunities. BARRY NELSON Darlington, Co Durham

Sir: There are at last three problems associated with the traditional transway ("New drives for a car-free future", 17 July). They are expensive to install; the laying of standard-gauge track involves considerable disruption: and there are intrusive overhead wires and gantries. The ideal solntion would be a lightweight tram which does not need a continuous power source.

Battery technology has not kept pace with expectations. An emergent technology which offers real hope is currently being demonstrated along the waterfront at Bristol. The Bristol Electric Railbus is propelled by a flywheeL

Enormous amounts of energy can be stored in flywheels. Even at the present state of the technology it uses only 34 per cent of the energy needed by a bus to carry a given number of passengers. However, space technology is providing the thrust to the development of the flywheel because of its high kinetic energy storage capacity, so we can expect significant improvements. Currently, there are carbon fibre flywheels capable of reaching 60,000 revolutions per minute which take six weeks to come to a stop! A revolutionary design from the USA claims 600,000 rom.

The flywheel-powered light railbus is potentially an ideal vehicle for city centre transport.

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Sir: Your report on "forced Muslim marriages" (20 July) is

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By running on rails it has only a quarter of the rolling friction of a hus on rubber tyres. It takes 30 seconds for the flywheel to be hrought up to speed at each stop. A 50-person railbus is currently under development.

If the Crown Estate in London is considering trams for Regent Street, this would be an efficient option employing a lightweight narrow-gauge track which could be laid much more rapidly and cheaply than the normal standard gauge carrying heavy vehicles. Professor PETER F SMITH Chairman, Sustainable Futures Committee Royal Institute of British Architects London W1

Sir: If, under John Prescott's proposals, commuters are to be charged large sums of money for continuing to use their cars, there may well be fewer cars clogging our roads. The income generated from those who continue to drive

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to work will be invested by local authorities to improve transportation and so on.

All this means less fuel being poured into cars, which in turn means less tax revenue collected for the Government. Shall Gordon Brown, as a result of all of this. have to raise direct taxes in order to keep his "prudent" fiscal policies in line for the year 2002? Professor FAHIBBERT Droxford, Hampshire

Sir: I live in a small country village and would be housebound without a car. If a motor manufacturer developed a reliable, reasonably priced electric car, and if councils would provide power points for recharging, I and many of my fellow country-dwellers would leap at the chance to buy one.

We can send men to the moon but we can't seem to develop a practical battery to charge a car. I don't believe it. ANNE WOOSTER Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire

Sir: There are moves afoot to ban green-top milk because it

Sir: Stephen Pollard's "The truth about race and crime" (10 July) undermines itself in the first paragraph: "You are walking home late at night.... As you look ahead you notice two young men.... As you get nearer you notice they are black... adrenaline pumps... cross the road... etc. etc." . This assumes that all

readers of "The Independent" are white. Is this assumption not part of what black people have been going on about for years, namely that they are not portrayed as a part of "normal" mainstream society? ROBERT DORAN London SW8

may be dangerous (report, 20

From the figures given for contamination in this untreated milk, one would expect that the customer base must be dying faster than new customers can be found. I should think all the Government has to do is wait, and there'll be nobody left to

Is it possible that the customers for this milk become immune to the impurities? "Everybody eats a peck of dirt afore they die," as my grandfather used to say. JOHN HALL

of the illness is now known to be one of the best ways of reducing the likelihood of it becoming a lifelong condition - only 20 per cent of ME Sir: Why is the only alternative to sufferers fully recover. the school run being proposed in The brief of the new working the media that of children walking to school on their own? Of course this could be

dangerous. Whatever happened to

children to school? Over the last 14

quality time with my children most

days, enjoying the walk to and from

school. Yes, it was along a busy

road; and yes, it was a pain in

a carride.

Bedford

wimps. Get walking.

A better BBC

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Sir: The beadline to Janine

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grotty weather; but still a special

time which would have been lost in

Come on parents. Stop being

Gibson's article ("Birt admits BBC

must do better", 16 July) and the

accompanying pictures give a totally misleading view of the BBC's considerable programme-

making achievements in 1997/98.

governors' assessment was of a

BBC which is "creatively strong,

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exceptional programme year.

Creatively and culturally the

BBC is strong. Certainly there is

rest on our laurels. But the

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specific and should be seen

against a background of real

whether the good can be made

Sir CHRISTOPHER BLAND

Chairman, BBC

London W1

success. It is a question simply of

room for improvement; we will not

innovative and efficient". It is a pity

assessment. As I said in my opening

number of awards or by the size and

In the BBC's annual report the

years I have spent 40 minutes of

parents walking with their

group mentioned "management" as its focus. I hope this does not just mean an increase in the use of mappropriate psychological therapies currently popular with those doctors who won't. distinguish ME from psychological fatigue illnesses. -----

Having said this, the new ME working group is definitely a step forward. Thank you, Sir Kenneth – may you have a pleasant retirement VERONICA JONES

### Orange rights.

Sîr: C Padley's letter (16 July) is an accurate summary of the Protestant viewpoint, but not a justification of the Orangemen's behaviour. It takes no account of the Catholic viewpoint.

Naturally the Protestants feel threatened by being a minority in a hypothetical United Ireland, but similarly Catholics feel threatened by being a minority in the reality of the present Northern Ireland. It is essential that both groups are mindful of the fears of each other In these circumstances the Orangemen's marches are akin to outting a match to a powder keg.

It is a tragedy that successive generations continue to be brought up in segregated schools. Segregation breeds distrust and fear, which leads to hate, to violence, to the indiscriminate murder of innocents.

Of course the Orangemen have a right to indulge in ceremonies that are not unlawful. But different. rights often conflict and there is no greater right than the right to live. Responsible adult behaviour sometimes requires that one refrains from exercising one's rights for the common good. E W HUGHES Earley, Berkshire

# The world's most important and/or most boring subject

A LONG, long time ago I was watching a TV programme on which Dennis Potter, René Cutforth and Colin Wilson were talking about life, from which, come to think of it, two of them have already departed. All three were distinguished. René Cutforth was the best radio broadcaster I have ever heard. Dennis Potter was Dennis Potter, a crazy, mixed-up, brilliant dramatist, and Colin Wilson was the man who kept our interest in the paranormal going single-handed until The X Files and Fortean Times arrived to help take the strain and make the world safe for incredulity.

But being distinguished doesn't make you like-minded, and there came a moment in the discussion which I shall always remember for the electrifying way in which it divided the participants. Either Wil-

son or Cutforth said he had no time for politics, and the other one, either Cutforth or Wilson, said he couldn't agree more. Dreary, waste of time, pointless, fruitless, etc, etc.

But Dennis Potter was beside himself. "You're so wrong!" he said. "Politics is life! Everything is political! Everything we do is political in some way or another, every choice we make, every action we take! To deny politics is to deny life!"
Wilson and Cutforth glanced at

each other, as if in the presence of a relative who had just dropped all his food down his front, and after a few moments more of noncommunication, the conversation passed on to more harmonious fields. Probably none of them remembered the moment, but it stuck with me for a long time, because of Potter's passion and the fervent

apathy of the other two. Trouble was, I could see what both sides were driving at. In a way, everything is political Assuming you have some vision of how you would like society to be, then everything you do can be measured against that vision. On the other hand, Wilson and Cutforth were dead right. Politics is the most boring thing in the world. So who was right?

I can't remember when it was that I suddenly realised the truth, but I did finally tumble to the fact that what Potter meant by politics and what the other two meant were quite different things. Potter was using the word "politics" in a rather Continental, intellectual sort of way, meaning anything to do with progress, the improvement of the world, the reorganisation of human



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Dennis Potter was beside himself. 'You're so wrong!' he said. 'Politics is life!'

The other two meant something much more small-minded. They meant party politics, all the games

we play at elections and between elections, in and out of Parliament. It's a limited use of the word "politics". Unfortunately, it's the way most of us in Britain use it. When someone is described as being "politically motivated", no one is suggesting he's trying to improve the world - he is being accused of trying to gain party political advantage for his side. "Playing politics", "making political appointments"; all these assume that politics is just about the parliamentary soap opera.

There's a very good example of this in the current Radio Times, when Andrew Duncan asks Anna Ford in an interview whether she still supports Labour, and she replies doubtfully (his choice of adverb): "Yes - in that I believe we have inequalities because of our for Britain? will class system which people deny still a better place?

exists. And I don't like the pretence that women have equality, because they don't ... "

What is interesting here is that Duncan asks a question about party politics, and Anna Ford answers it as if she were being asked a question about real politics, the result being that she sounds as though she is not answering the question at all.

But then nobody with any sense would want to answer the usual media questions about politics, which are always about party politics - who's to blame? should he be fired? did he mislead Parliament? where will the money come from? who is responsible for the leak? how will this affect the party's poll ratings? - and never about real politics - is it a good idea? is it right for Britain? will it make the world

Next time you hear, watch or read a political interview, ignore all the questions and answers which are about party politics, and weigh the rest. I think you will find you have been short-changed I also think you will find yourself tempted in future to avoid all encounters be tween interviewers and politicians; both of whom are playing the same

dreary game. Party politics was perfectly summed up long ago by HE. Mencken when he said that democ racy was a system in which better sides tried to convince the electorate that the other side was unit to rule the country—and both side were commonly right. Or, to passe another way and bring it up to the an opposition is only a government which has not yet had the chan to discredit itself.

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# Save our building societies, for the sake of the market

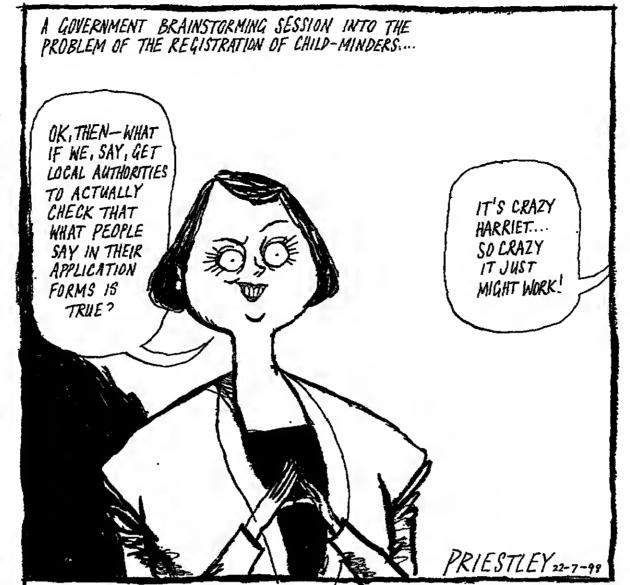
IT PAYS to decide Nationwide, or so the building society's surreal television advertisements keep telling us. Well, today we will find out whether the society's members agree with their management's slogan and their recommendation to retain the society's mutual status, or have chosen instead to take the money and run to convert to plc status. The indications are that it will be a fairly close result. This is appropriate, as the arguments are finely balanced.

For the members themselves two conclusions are irrefutable. If you are a borrower, stay mutual; if you are a saver, vote for shares. Nationwide has, on average this year, held its mortgage rate below that of its largest competitors. Over the life of the average mortgage, even taking into account dividends and capital growth from windfall shares, the member would be much better off with his mutual deal.

The difficulty for the pro-mutual lobby comes with the other, much larger, group of Nationwide members - the savers. For most of them the rational decision would be to take the cash or shares. Unless they are truly large depositors, then the extra interest benefits they forgo are very small.

Vital though these sort of calculations are for the 4.9 million Nationwide members, they neglect the wider picture. The few remaining building societies provide a competitive, alternative corporate model to the plc. Historically the building societies have achieved relatively low costs compared with the clearing banks and have operated on narrower margins. This, and the fact that they bave no shareholders with a competing claim on profits, has often enabled them to offer a better deal to savers and borrowers alike. This benefits everyone, The undercutting pressure on the part of the Nationwide and the other building societies probably means that most of the rest of us enjoy cheaper mortgages and better savings rates than we would if the market were wbolly dominated by banks.

But times have changed. The Halifax, the Woolwich and the others did not convert simply because of carpetbaggers' greed. They wanted to raise more capital to diversify, and take on the existing banks on a wider front. As life insurance companies, supermarkets and even car makers enter the traditional financial services market, the competition is becoming much more intense. As a spur to competition, the entry of these new providers is only to be welcomed. They have, to some



degree at least, replaced the building societies in the role of competitive spur.

It is also important to recognise that no market will be competitive if it is populated by indifferent customers. Inertia is still widespread. There are, unbelievably, plenty of us who are prepared to forgo hundreds or thousands of pounds by not bothering to switch our savings or mortgage or pension, while still fretting about shaving a few pounds off the grocery bill. We have some way to go before we are a financially literate nation.

It is often asserted that, if the Nationwide goes, then the rest of the "movement" will follow suit. Yet there is no reason why the Bradford & Bingley - the next largest - has to follow suit. Certainly the many micro-societies, such as the Penrith, the Earl Shilton and the Clay Cross Economic, that still remain and serve their local communities loyally, will, probably, survive and deserve to survive, overlooked by the Godzillas of finance.

Watching the end of the building societies should leave us with feelings of slight unease, and not just on the grounds of nostalgia. The demise of a competitive force has to be weighed against the emergence of new competitive pressures. These are very new, however, and it has yet to be seen whether they will be permanent. So, in the meantime, it will still pay, on balance, to keep the Nationwide as it is.

# A different approach to patronage

YESTERDAY, THE Privy Council announced the appointment of Lady Young as Deputy Chairman of the BBC. You might wonder what business it is of the Privy Council. As an organisation governed by royal charter, all the BBC's senior appointments are made by this august body - in theory, at least. In practice, the Privy Council is a rubber stamp for the decisions of Downing Street. For years, Labour in opposition derided the stuffing of quangos and public bodies with Tory placemen - and men they overwhelmingly were. Under us, they said, things will be different. And they are. They have swapped Tory placemen for Labour placepeople.

When Lord Cocks retired from his position as deputy chairman of the BBC, the Government announced that it would use the vacancy as an opportunity to show its commitment to changing the appointments procedure. And the revolutionary step it introduced was... advertising the position. A sensible move, for sure. But hardly earth-shattering.

Any impact this might have had has been thoroughly undermined by the shenanigans that have accompanied the appointment itself. First were the leaks that Lord Puttnam was the favoured candidate. Goodness -be actually knows something about creativity! So the powers that be then fixated on Gail Rebuck, whose only apparent qualification seemed to be that she was a friend of the Prime Minister. And so the figure of Barbara Young was alighted upon. As a former director of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. her qualifications are not exactly obvious, either.

So crass have been the leaks and counter-leaks that the usually timid figure of Sir Leonard Peach (the Commissioner for Public Appointments - a title surely taken from a Gilbert and Sullivan opera) has been stirred into action, writing to the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Culture to protest at the leaks. Welcome to New Labour Ruritania, where major public appointments emerge, in the style of papal accessions, in a puff of smoke from the Privy Council. If anything, the cronyism is now worse, with only Friends of Tony having a bite at any of the juiciest cherries and Labour supporters now dominating appointments to NHS trust boards. If Labour is to avoid dashing all hopes that it is interested in modernising Britain, it should make a start by opening up the public appointments procedures. We need to know who is being considered, what the criteria are against which they are judged, who is making the decision and what any candidate wishes to do in his or her new job.

# The real beauty of Anna Ford is that she's a female firebrand

SOME PEOPLE would obviously pre-fer it if Anna Ford really were what she she may have a point. Why was she always accused of being: just a pretty ticked off for doing what many good face. They would be far more comfortable if she read someone else's words rather than utter her own, which are not always sufficiently ladylike. She may look "demure" and "beatific" and all easy-listening - but when she opens ber mouth all hell breaks loose.

The woman has opinions; the woman bears a grudge; the woman will not kowfow to those who have hired ber and fired her over the years; and I say, good for her.

In an interview in the Radio Times this week, she manages the feat of slagging off not only her present boss, Sir John Birt, but a couple of other Sirs as well: Sir David Frost, by saying that he could "take a runming jump"; and Sir Robin Day, "a silly old fool". Along the way, she manages to put the boot into those other bastions of the BBC establishment, Desmond Wilcox and Michael Parkinson. Not bad going for one harmless little interview.

She was criticised by John Birt for being too aggressive, when interviewing Ken Clarke, by making "more interruptions than appropriate", though Clarke never complained at the time, and has since said that he enjoyed being interviewed by her She was publicly reprimended, but in this interview she fights back.

"I thought, how pathetic that the BBC isn't robust enough to realise we're here to question those with

Given that Jeremy Paxman received an award for asking Michael she may have a point. Why was she interviewers do?

Her critics may complain that she is not in the same league as John Humphrys or Paxman, but then not many broadcasters, male or female, are. What Anna does, she does very well indeed, but because of her looks the accusation will always remain that she is somehow lightweight.

Like many beautiful women she is rather matter-of-fact about her appearance and how it has helped her career. "The truth is that I was in the right place at the right time, was reasonably intelligent, and looked good on television because I have a wide face."

As men were in charge, she points out, looks did matter. Not much has changed on that score. A phenomenal number of extremely ugly men appear on television every night, but female TV presenters and newsreaders still have to conform to some standard idea of attractiveness. When a women comes along who is pretty, intelligent and good at her job, someone such as Kirsty Young, who has something of Anna Ford about her, she must im-

mediately be sold on her sex appeal. At 54, Anna Ford is now is a position to speak ber mind, and this is characterised in a spectacularly daft article in the Daily Mail as "whingeing". While men criticise, women, it seems, can only whinge. And Anna's problem, according to this "whinge" about ber, is that she has not done the proper work - the "proper work" apparently being that of a foreign correspondent.



### **SUZANNE MOORE**

She remains an object of female fantasy because she says what many women never have the nerve to do

"After all, did For d shave her head, or dress in a chador, or get herself off to Afghanistan or Rwanda or Sierra Leone or Bosnia in an effort to prove herself, which many, many other women journalists have had to do?" asks Janine di Ginvanni. Well. no. possibly because she was too busy reading the news, possibly because she was bringing up two children on her own and possibly because this was not the profession that she had en-

tered into. There are many different kinds of journalism, and if we are to compare like with like we must compare Anna Ford to other newsreaders, not simply to Kate Adie because she too is female. Not every bloke who gets to read the news is Martin Bell, but no one bothers to complain about that.

Instead of simply reiterating the same kind of sexism which decrees that successful women only ever wine over Jonathan Aitken and says, make it because the men in charge want to sleep with them, and that they can only ever prove themselves by doing exactly what men do, why don't we listen to what Anna is actually

If women such as Ford and Janet Street-Porter, who bave made it, still complain, as Street-Porter did, about the "middle-class, middle-aged, middle-brow mediocre males" whom they have to answer to, what is it like for women just starting out? If Anna Ford has had to put up with being patronised by old codgers such as Sir Robin Day, then what is it like for less

exalted female employees? If she feels betrayed by the men she worked with at TV AM, who took jobs on the board when she was fired, then she has every right to air her griev ances. Most people who have been fired or made redundant will under-

stand those feelings all too well. Anna Ford makes headlines because underneath her composed appearance she is angry. Decades of being patronised have made her more not less trate. Private Eye, in its usual misogynist fashion, always used to refer to ber as a "doe-eyed talented autocue reader" while never bothering to attack ber male colleagues for doing the same job. Now she finds herself being patronised by female journalists saying much the same thing.

The men she has attacked have responded by saying that she has no sense of humour, which is what men always say about women whom they refuse to take seriously. I would say that anyone who throws a glass of

Plus ca change...

"I consider that good taste, not bad temper" has a very cool sense of humour indeed.

Anna Ford should be applauded for telling it like it is, for blowing open the myth that everything in the workplace is equal. Too many successful women either gloss over the difficulties or keep shtum for fear of losing credibility. Anna Ford makes the news as well as reading it precisely because she refuses to play the game of pretending that everything in the garden

is rosy. "I don't like the pretence that women Lave equality because they don't - either in pay or access to top jobs in many professions," she says.

While in male eyes Anna Ford is valued for her serenity, which seems to be a suphemism for passivity, inside she is a firebrand. She was told off for using the word "shit" on the radio; it is obvious that doesn't give one. Who cares whether she is, or was, an object of male fantasy? What matters is that she remains an object of female fantasy, because she says and does what many women never have the nerve to do.

Her latest remarks are newsworthy because it is still surprising for senior women to blow the gaffe on the establishment they work for, yet what this "autocue reader" is telling us is only the news that many women already know and most men do not want to hear. Would that all journalists had such a commitment to truth.

Cheers, Anna. I'd buy you a glass of chablis any day of the week, and anyone who doesn't like it had better stand well back.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"People talk about dumbing down and it's very misleading. It's an old idea that there's this underclass that television, left to its own devices, will go scurrying after." David Liddiment Director of Programmes, ITV

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything." Edword John Phelps, American lawyer and diplomat

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"AFTER A 50-year gestation, a permanent international tribimal to prosecute war crimes, conceived at Nuremberg, was finally born at a United Nationssponsored conference in Rome at the weekend.

The United States, the world's only superpower, refused to support the international criminal court on the grounds that its jurisdiction was too broad and the prosecutor too independent. Standing apart from its traditional allies, the US found itself on the losing side of the vote but the correct side of the debate.

As we have said before, we believe the ICC should come under the jurisdiction of the Security Council.

in practice, if the ICC had existed during the US bombing of Libya, what would have stopped Moammar Gadhafi from charging US airmen or politicians with aggression?" Toronto Globe and Mail

The new International Criminal Court would try individuals accused of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. Israel, as one of the small band of objecting na-

# **MONITOR**

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD Reaction to the new UN-backed International Criminal Court

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ethnic cleansing is obscene, fective. How, then, did it end up and approaches the 1975 "Zionism is racism" resolution in Rome in a tiny negative minority? as a perversion of the UN's The real reason for the US The Jerusalem Post

position may have been Senator Jesse Helms, who said any treaty exposing Americans even theoretically to such a court would be "dead on arrival" in the Senate. Perhaps court, using hard-boiled tactics so. But a president with vision, and with a backbone, would not have let that undo America's championship of the rule

crimes tribunals for the former Anthony Lewis, The New York

# **PANDORA**

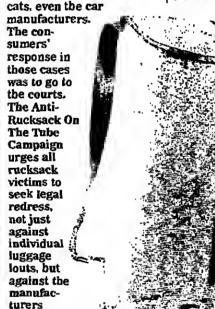
TAXPAYERS - AND Chancellor Gordon Brown can breathe a sigh of relief as the British Embassy in Washington is not going to be given a £1m face-lift after all. The story was first reported in The Sunday Times at the end of June. Lady Catherine Meyer, wife of Sir Christopher Meyer, the current Ambassador and John Major's former press secretary, told the paper, "The Foreign Office has agreed that the whole place needs an overhaul." Last week in another newspaper, Lady Meyer was particularly scathing about the "Trusthouse Forte style" decor in some of the guest

Unfortunately for her and for Mulberry, one of the interior designers she'd earmarked for the project. the "agreed" overhaul only extends to rewiring the building. "There never was going to be any overhaul," Embassy spokesman Anthony Cary told Pandora yesterday. "It was a story exaggerated from a remark by Lady Meyer, all built on nothing." Has anyone told this to Lady Meyer?

IT'S TIME to take the gloves off. Yesterday's "Right of Reply" in this newspaper by Lewis Grundy, executive of leading rucksack manufacturer Karrimor (whose original model is pictured below), was a slap in the face to every rucksack victim, every Underground passenger, every civilised man and woman in this country. Where in Grundy's hymn to rucksacks was the word "courtesy" to be found? Where was the manufacturer's warning: "Rucksacks can be hazardous in public. Always carry them by hand in a crowd"? No, the Grundy line is that rucksacks are now "stylisb" and, predictably,

We've seen this kind of corporate arrogance before - from the tobacco industry. the pharmaceutical fat

his company wants more and more people to carry



"blanket" approach to social problems. He got tough on crime by arresting every jaywalker and squeegee bustler on streets. "blanket" for the dole is simply to put every recipient to work. This

includes drug addicts, the disabled and mothers with young children. where did Pandora hear that last one

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THE CAMPAIGN spoke

yesterday with Liz Lloyd of

Unlike the Grandys of this

world, Ms. Lloyd twigged

the Youth Hostel Association.

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the fact that people who are

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fantasy comes from The Mirror's "Life in 2002 after another five years of Tory rule", published before the last election. But it could be

last week welcomed the

possibility of employing

private security guards,

complete with their own

uniforms and badges, to

support the police

ON MONDAY Pandora

the crusading mayor

reported on Mayor Giuliani's

efforts to force New York's topless dancers into bikini

tops and T-shirts. Yesterday

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IN THE nineties of every century, the great countdown begins. Everyone is a numerologist. In the 1590s, they worried about the world coming to an end in exactly 6,000 years. In the 1890s, the British and American book trades hit on the demon wheeze of "the hundred best books". It has been taken out and dusted off for the 1990s. Most of the 20th century's best-

selling novels have, mercifully, gone down the memory bole into oblivion. A few worthy titles (Gone with the Wind, The Godfuther) have become all-time hits. There is, bowever, a category of bestsellers which are so bad that they are fun to dig up.

Top of my cream of the crap chart is Black Oxen, Gertrude Atherton's super-seller of 1923. The novel opens vividly in a New York theatre. There is a sensationally beautiful woman in the audience identical (as old bucks recall) to Mary Ogden, a belle from thirty years before. A daughter perhaps? No, it is Mary berself. She has been rejuvenated in Vienna. Science has discovered that by bombarding a woman's ovaries at the period of menopause, the aging process can be reversed! When



### JOHN **SUTHERLAND**

There is a category of bestsellers which are so bad they are fun to dig up

news of the process becomes public, civil war threatens. Mary, meanwhile, has a good time at petting

In second place, I am torn between a novel about a boring bird who thinks he is Jesus Christ and a man who makes his living muttering sweet-nothings to horses. Richard Bach's Jonathan Livingston Seagull (1973) edges out our

very own The Horse Whisperer. For number three, an old favourite, Sax Rohmer's The Mystery of Fu Manchu (1913). I relish it for the villain's exotic means of disposing of his victims. Not for him the banal knife, poison, or bullet. His favourite technique is the fungus cellar where poisonous mushrooms grow at incredible speed to kill

As an example of political incorrectitude. I select Erskine Caldwell's 1932 sex shocker, Tobacco Road, set in an American south of the fevered imagination. A patriarch sharecropper Jeeter Lester marries his wife Ada when she is 11 and sires 17 children before her (bowlegged) 30th birthday. Still living in the family shack is harelipped and nymphomaniac Ellie Mae and young Dude, who raises hell with a preacher, Bessie Rice, twice his age with no bones in her nose.

their captives agonisingly.

James Hilton's Lost Horizon (1933) topped the American bestseller lists for two years. It is notable for having given a name (Shangri La) to more boats, bungalows and beach buts than any other novel of

Edna Ferber penned a string of bestsellers of which the most enduring are Show Boat (1926) and Giant (1952). I choose, as number six in the best-worst list, So Big, her topselling novel of 1924. I particularly admire the heroine's line, in declining the proposal of a hopeful suitor: "You're all smooth, I like 'em bumpy."

Michael Arlen's The Green Hot gets in at number seven for the heroine's name (Iris Storm), her green hat, her yellow Hispano-Suiza, and her kisses that smell "dimly of petrol and cigarettes and a scent whose name I shall never now know".

Everyone knows Cold Comfort Form and Aunt Ida's "something nasty in the woodshed". Few nowadays have read the novel on which Stella Gibbons based ber spoof. Mary Webb's Precious Bane became a bestseller in 1924, after Stanley Baldwin took to puffing it in his speeches. Webb's heroine, Prue Sarn, is horribly disfigured and has encountered many nasty things in many woodsheds. But, by a hilariously improbable series of events, she ends up riding off into the sunset with her true love Kester. It is Britain's greatest romance of the soil.

What about the century's worst books? . S For the New Age Nonsense category, I was tempted by The Celes-tine Prophecy, but settled instead for an old favourite, Ruth Beebe Hill's 1979 bestseller, Hanta Yo. It charts the fortunes of a band of Teton Sioux over the centuries. Beebe lived with the Sioux for decades and translated the book into their language before publication.

At number ten, I nominate Mickey Spillane's 1947 pulp classic and all-time bestseller, I, the Jury. Who can forget the ending in which Mike Hammer wastes the beautiful (but deadly) Charlotte Manning? "She was what you would expect to find in a painting if each of the great artists added their own special technique to produce a masterpiece." (Who says Spillane ain't got class?) She may be beautiful, but she shot Mike's buddy in the belly with a dum-dum bullet and she's gotta gothe same way.

"How c-could you?" she gasped. . I had only a moment before talking to a corpse, but I got it in. It was easy, I said." Beat that.

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# My experience tells me that road pricing won't work

IF JOHN Prescott's great aspirations to free our roads of gridlock become reality, it will be seen as the greatest achievement of this Government, surpassing even the prospect of peace in Ireland. But nothing would be a greater tragedy than if No 10's fears of offending middle England led to a degree of inaction whose end result was the fact that middle England continued to choke oo its own exhaust.

Although I have never learnt to drive myself, I do not underestimate people's love-affair with their cars. Indeed I once, long ago, took a few lessons - not particularly because I needed to drive for transport reasons, but because I hoped it might improve my luck with girls.

Only this weekend I was at a Labour fundraising garden party in my constituency, where a couple who live just a 12-minute walk away from a Jubilee Line station got very from central London by Tube, they were prime candidates for using their car less and their feet and the Tube more.

The truth is that shifting people's transport habits away from the car and towards public transport will mean a huge psychological shift. It to £1 per week per household in is bound to be messy, it is bound to order to pay for the cut in London involve mistakes, but in the end everyone will look back and agree that it was a good idea, and they will not be able to recall why they ever resisted the change.

The problem is that with a government that develops irritable bowel syndrome every time a focus group starts whingeing, it may be lic opposition to our plans. When difficult to keep its nerve long asked "should the GLC increase enough to see the process through. rates in order to cut London Trans-Yet changing transport patterns that have built up over 30 years will clearly take time, and politicians with skins thick enough to enable



# LIVINGSTONE

I have never learnt to drive, but I do not underestimate people's love-affair with the car

them to live with short-term unpopularity and lashings of criticism.

angry with me when I suggested from my own experience when. that, as they were just 25 minutes back in 1981. Labour won cootrol of the Greater London Council, which was committed to cutting fares in order to get people out of their cars and back on to public transport. In the election, we had been quite honest and clear in saying that we would increase domestic rates by up Transport fares.

Although we won the election on this manifesto, when Thames Television commissioned an audience selection telephone opinioo poll in the days just before the council met to vote on this policy, we found that there was overwhelming pubport fares?" 80 per cent of Loodoners replied in the negative and only

20 per cent supported our scheme. Fortunately we had sufficient

commitment on our back benches to press ahead without public support, because within two months of the fares cut coming into operation opinion polls found that two-thirds of Londoners now thought we had been right to cut the fares. Of course, if we had been as fearful of opinion polls and as much in awe of focus groups as the modern Labour Party. we most probably would never have cut the fares.

The statistician George Stern recently conducted a detailed survey of passenger usage on London Transport between 1959 and 1986. His figures show that between our fares cut and the abolition of the GLC, fares were reduced by 35 per cent. This generated a 70 per cent increase in passenger miles, with a resulting increase in fares revenue of 11 per cent.

The real lesson for John Prescott The Government can take beart from the GLC experience is that it pays to invest in public transport. In the end, one persoo in 20 left his or her car at home and switched to public transport, thus easing congestioo as well as reducing accident and polluboo figures. Some City firms even abolished their car mileage allowance and gave their staff travel passes instead.

People's reactions are never

going to be wholly rational when the state intervenes to change their way of life. But then, it is not rational for bundreds of thousands of parents to drive their parents to school because they fear that their children may be injured in a car accident (no doubt driven by another child-ferrying parent). Fifty per cent of the children who live on beavily trafficked roads have asthma. Breathing the atmosphere in a congested city such as London doubles your chance of dying of lung cancer - the same odds as if you were to smoke forty cigar-



Isn't it time for us all to get on our bikes?

society, their ability to influence

of the car lobby grows, and we

reach the bizarre situation where it

is cheaper to drive your car over

long distances than it is to take the

spiral of decline, as the GLC demon-

strated, is to spend money initially

in order to improve the public trans-

port options in terms of both relia-

bility and cost. Then as people make

possible to lock into an ascending

The only way to break out of this

Far from being the great liberator. Islative time has been found to inthe car bas become a tyranny that troduce charges on congestion and makes us prisoners in our own work-place car parks. Given that this cities. As people switch to car usage, legislation is not programmed for public transport is systematically cut the next session, the earliest point these measures could become law back until we no longer have the choice of car versus public transport. is in the autumn of 2000. Can we As those who are dependent oo pubreally continue choking ourselves to death until then? lic transport become a progressively smaller and poorer section of

Jeff Hinckley

Unless John Prescott can persuade Gordon Brown to release government fades, while the power the resources to buy the new buses and rolling stock as well as to provide the increased subsidy to allow for a fares cut, there is no prospect of rapid improvement. Why on earth should somebody travel a mile on London's Underground when it costs more than it does to travel a mile on Concorde?

Unfortunately, because it is local councils that are going to be responsible for enacting the new their personal choice it becomes transport strategy (or not, as the case may be), ministers may think they will be able to get to the other spiral of improving public transport. This is the main worry about side of the next election before the John Prescott's White Paper. The critics start homing in on the Govextra funding for public transport is ernment. In your dreams, John, in only going to come about once leg- your dreams.

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Prison is no place for teenage girls A PRINCIPAL aim of the Howard League for Penal Reform, in its campaign regarding the treatment of teenage girls by the criminal justice system, remains an end to the placement

Service establishment Those girls who genuinely require a custodial environment should be held in local authority secure accommodation units.

of the under-18s in any Prison

Prisons will always be the wrong place for teenage girls. The ethos of the Prison Service, the availability of resources and the fact that girls m prison will only ever make up a minute fraction of the total prison population, mean that the Prison Service will never be able to provide a suitable environment or a suitably tailored regime for what are very vulnerable young women.

We have stressed and the Chief Inspector of Prisons has stressed the immense importance of staff being suited and committed to working with adolescents. At the best of times adolescents are difficult, volatile, chaotic, challenging - requiring a great of understanding. patience and ingenuity. But when you have teenagers who have also been abused, neglected or bereaved, with drug and alcohol problems, as many of these young women have, then you have a potential powder keg. To deal with that, it is essential to have experienced, committed and well trained staff and a system which is flexible, providing the possibility of

iour. Untrained and unsupported staff can do a great deal of damage. Prison officers are trained first and foremost on how to be custody officers. The priority is to know and apply the rules and

procedures that are necessary

applying various responses in

dealing with difficult behav-

in large institutions. The only training available in bow to deal with the behaviour of damaged teenagers is the three-day course designed by the Trust for the Study of Adolescence. An excellent training pack - though it is really just an introduction. But for the Prison Service it is the

only training available. And the system of prison rules and adjudications is simply too rigid for dealing with teenagers. Typical adoi-



**PODIUM** FRAN RUSSELL

From a speech by the assistant director of the Howard League to a conference on young women and prisons

esceot behaviour causes a ton of bricks to rain down upon the young person. For example, telling an officer to "eff off", or playing a radio too loudly, means being brought before a Governor for adjudication - a semi-judicial procedure where official language is used, such as asking the girl "Do you have anything to say in mitigation?"

The approach is all about enforcing conformity through

punishment, rather than bring- depth training it will be hard to development of the young woman.

Of further concern to the Howard League is the danger of increased bullying when so many teenagers are held together, with so few staff to take care of them.

environment and culture of an adult prison that we felt to be most inappropriate for the under-18s, rather than the individual women.

Of most concern was the fact. that this is an environment with extremely high levels of anxiety and emotional disturbance, where women mutilate themselves on a large scale, where suicide attempts are frequent and where drugs of every kind are easily available. It is a place where, if there is a staff shortage, women are simply locked-up in their cells for long hours. The under-18s will not be cocooned from that

environment in the new units. It is also an environment where teenage behaviour is largely not understood or tolerated by staff or the system,

but is punished Even with large-scale, in-

ing about good behaviour via alter that attitude and that approach to young people. So where do we go from

A major problem for all of us. not least the Government, is the continuing rise in the number of girls being given custodial sentences. The numbers In any case, it was the stark have gone up by a third in the past year alone.

Of course, we need more alternative programmes. And we welcome the two new noncustodial sentences for young people in the Crime and Disorder Bill

But we also need a political lead from the Government to start to dampen down the hype around girls' offending and the clamour for ever more punitive sentences. There has been little from the Government on that so far, though I was pleased to hear Jack Straw on the radin promoting a community programme for young offenders. I hope we will see a lot more of that, because the only chance of getting back to the more sensible, pre-Michael Howard days is if the Government gives a strong pol-

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WEST REVIEW

# Is 10 years enough for Paddy?



DAVID STEEL

I can confirm that Ashdown's strategy of 'constructive opposition' is unpopular in the party.

TONIGHT IN the Waldorf hotel, Liberal Democrats are holding a dinner to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the election of Paddy Ashdown as our leader. There is much to celebrate.

Ten years ago we were on our uppers. Instead of a clean and swift process learning from our mistakes, and merging the Liberal Party and the newer Social Democratic Party into one, the Liberal Party conference appointed a diffuse negotiating team of 18 members. David Owen, the SDP leader, resigned, refusing to accept the vote of his conference to merge. The result was almost an entire year of tortuous internal navel-gazing and squabbling which dissipated most of the public goodwill huilt up over the previous seven years. Our opinjoo poll ratings disappeared like snow off a dyke. In spite of the well intentioned but mistaken pleas of MP colleagues that I should assume the leadership of the new united party, I recognised the time had come to quit, Our poll ratings continued downwards to hit the same low point of 5-6% which we had last reached when I took over from Jeremy Thorpe in 1976.

It was not an auspicious start for Paddy Ashdown as the new leader. The muddle over our name -"Social & Liberal Democrats", "SLD", "Salads", "Democrats" took more than a further year to sort out as "Liberal Democrats".

To have huilt up a fighting force which today has seen 46 MPs elected - the largest third force since 1935 - with over 5000 councillors controlling 45 councils, is very substantially due to Paddy Ashdown's persistent leadership. The new party has a sounder and. eable constitution. No more hack-of-the-envelope policy resolution and amendments. Instead, we have policy and executive committees meeting during the week at Westminster.

Paddy took full advantage of this with his own style of "hands on" control of the party machine, to which the party readily responded. Gone are the heady days of 51% opinion polls and 25% vote in the 1983 election, and in their place are these more tangible gains.

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The first point to note about Paddy Ashdown is that he works



Paddy Ashdown and the Liberal Democrats celebrate 10 years of his leadership tonight - a leadership that is not yet complete', according to David Steel

incredibly hard. Colleagues are used to being roused from their beds by phone calls from the leader who is at his desk around seven o'clock in the morning. The second is that he is one of the few politicians who is genuinely abreast of the new technologies.

While some wouldn't know a CD-ROM or a modern if they found them in their soup and many tap but gingerly at keyboards, Paddy has for years talked of mega-bytes and information super highways as though weaned on them. He is always keen to acquire the latest piece of miniaturised equipment.

These two characteristics together mean that his output is prodigious. I remember once calling during a recess at his cottage near Yeovil and being given coffee by the delightful Jane while he took 10 minutes to tear himself away from his computer and come downstairs to see me.

Of course, there is a downside to all this. He works too hard and as a result becomes tired and impatient. He then operates on a short fuse, resulting in rather too high a turnover of staff than is sensible in his private office, and sometimes bruised egos among colleagues. His speeches - redolent of computer speak - contain no cadences, no literary allusions and sometimes no discernible structure.

What they do contain is meat. His travels round Britain, living with all manner of people, have been sneered at as gimmicky, but are nothing of the kind. They give real depth of experience to his thinking.

clans, he has a rich background and experience of service in special forces, in the foreign office, in industry and of unemployment. He has made the previous Tory stronghold of Yeovil his own and has shown real leadership in facing down the anti-paedophile vigilantes seeking to persecute those who have already paid the price of their criminal activities. His personal determination and knowledge on the Bosnian questions have been deservedly acclaimed.

Not especially sociable in the Commons, he has to be enticed well away from his office to relax. A month or two ago, when I had taken him out to dinner at a favourite restaurant where we had a lively and amusing - though I hope constructive - evening together, he wrote me a note of thanks complaining that we had drunk too much! Jane claims that

he is altogether a different person when they get away to their cottage in France - something the party does not allow too often - and he enjoys manual work in both the

garden and the home as well as the fruits of the surrounding vineyards. Colleagues with whom he has gone skiing describe his love of mixing Already, unlike so many politi-It on the ski slopes with their children and now his own grandson.

But what of the party now under his leadership? His strategy of "constructive opposition" is not popular in the party. My own recent experience in canvassing votes internally for others in the European candidacies and for myself in the Scottish one confirms that. Our own members - let alone the public - do not fully appreciate the distinction between co-operating with the Labour government on constitutional issues specifically. and also getting close to and being identified with the Labour Party in

Yet Paddy's strategy is wholly correct. It has already brought us the Scottish and Welsh parliaments, proportional representation for the European elections, the incorporation of the European convention on human rights into domestic law, with the promise to come next year of a referendum on electoral reform at Westminster, reform of the House of Lords, and Freedom of Information Act.

These have all been the subject of worthy conference resolution and manifesto commitments in Liberal and SDP enclaves for years and even decades. They are now actually happening, and one cannot help feeling that there have always heen those in our ranks who would rather remain untainted with responsibility, instead preferring the process of continually polishing abstract and unfulfilled resolutions.

The party certainly doesn't wish to see the Blair/Ashdown axis becoming entrenched. Coalition this side of a PR general election is out of the question. That is not just the view of the MPs generally, it is especially strongly felt in Scotland where the party wishes no identification either with the monopolistic Labour Party nor the consistently maladroit utterances on the Scottish dimension of Tony Blair himself.

Yet that leaves Paddy with plenty of room for manoeuvre. A full scale policy review has been carried out under his direct chairmanship. The party conference at Brighton will have its hands full on the non-constitutional proposals service delivery agreement to speed up government departments; overhauling the tax system to take 10 million people out of income tax altogether, doubling child benefit for under 5s; neighbourhood trusts to drive up standards in schools; maximum class sizes of 25 and using revenue from fines to fight the crime wave. Paddy's overall thrust is to demand a government which actually does less by enabling other bodies to do more - an update of the classic

When I had a dinner to celebrate

my 10 years as leader, the mischievous hut greatly missed David Penhaligon arranged for me to be presented with a framed photostat of a newspaper front page from the day that Jo Grimond had resigned in 1966. "Ten years is enough for any Liberal leader", screamed the headline. I did not take the hint, for there was work to be completed which took another two years. While there is no lack of aspirants for the Liberal Democrat throne, there will certainly be no such kind of presentation tonight. Paddy has had a magnificent ten years, and without a doubt his task is not yet complete.

Liberal agenda.

# RIGHT OF REPLY

### AKBAR DAD KHAN

A member of the executive committee of the Luton Central Mosque responds to our coverage of arranged marriages

"ARRANGED MARRIAGE" is the most misunderstood phrase in British society. Whether this is intentional – a convenient tool to attack Asian-Muslim culture from the Indian subcontinent - or whether the ignorance is genuine, is a matter of opinion. I personally feel that it is a mixture of both.

Arranged marriages are historically part of Asian and, to some extent, African culture, and this culture is predominantly Muslim. Both of the recent articles in The Independent on the subject were intrusive and nonrepresentative, and were an attack on Kashmiri-Islamie culture and tradition.

The Independent went beyond reason in giving the issue the prominence it did. The newspaper has not exercised a sense of fair play and even-handedness. Just because society in general is not prepared to exercise a sense of commitment and self-discipline and give respect to the institution of marriage, let us not set out to destroy the cultural life of a community that is desperately trying to save its culture, in very difficult circum-

In so-called "arranged marriages" in general, nothing is bartered - despite what may be commonly understood in the West. The common practice is that boys and girls are introduced and assisted to reach a decision about their future partners.

There must be around 200 such young couples living in Luton who are happy with their married lives. To pick out the case of one girl and publicise it in this way is great insult to Luton, and I strongly object to such he-

Those involved in Asian marriages are well matched up, and the marriages are well thought out and planned. These marriages have family support in the shape of advice. accessibility and an element of blood relationship, thus they have a greater chance of success than other marriages.

# Brown under the microscope

WE HAVE had the television documentary, the biography and now an account of Gordon Brown's first year, each narrative accompanied by a flurry of frenzied stories. The Sunday Times, which bought the serial rights in this case, was unlucky. The newspaper could only come up with over-hyped allegations that the Chancellor's adviser Ed Balls had leaked Budget information. The story fitted neatly into the "cronygate" mood, hut was never going to make

Unlike Paul Routledge's biography in January, this latest addition to the Brown oeurre will not itself become part of the early history of this Gov-

Instead, it is a better book - and one that gives a much more revealing picture of Brown and his small entourage. Reading it, I was reminded of Warren Beatty's observation in the flyon-the-wall documentary about his then girffriend, Madonna. "Can you only exist when there's a camera on you or somebody's writing about you?", he asks.

The sometimes shy and studious Gordon Brown has become the unlikely Madonna of British politics. A quiet, consoling chat with his old rival Robin Cook is fed to the newspapers; a pre-Budget meal with his girlfriend becomes a photo-opportunity; a nephew's birthday party is managed for the papers. In this book, his "private" holiday in Cape Cod last

summer merits an entire chapter. The chapter succeeds in conveying Brown's awkward charisma. Millionaires visit, and are forced to sleep on the floor. Brown is bewildered by the Practicalities of a barbecue held with his extended family. He plays tennis in odd socks. What he really wants to do is spend time reading books on American economic policy. His girlfriend, Sarah Macaulay, concludes that the holiday brought them



# WEDNESDAY BOOK

GORDON BROWN: THE FIRST YEAR IN POWER BY HUGH PYM AND NICK KOCHAN BLOOMSBURY, £16.99

"closer", although they had been together for a long time before then and are still not engaged a year on. Throughout the book, the impression is given - and at one point explicitly stated - that Sarah must compete for Brown's spare time with Ed Balls and his press officer, Charlie Whelan.

But a whole chapter on a summer holiday? This is a problem for the instant biographies that have become a phenomenon unique to this Goverument. The Government has had too many premature chroniclers. After only one year in power, much padding is required. In this case, it includes a long anecdote about how Alastair

Darling flew from Scotland to be appointed Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and long descriptions of political journalists which will be of no interest to anyone hut the journalists

How appropriate, in such an incestuous environment, that one of the central chapters deals with the uproar caused by Routledge's previous book on Brown. Pym and Kochan are right. Everybody, from Tony Blair down to political correspondents, overreacted to the book. There was virtually nothing new about Brown's sense of disappointment when Blair became leader. Its significance was in show-



Is he the Madonna of British politics?

ing how little was required to set Blairite against Brownite. Some commentators believe Eur-

ope will be the issue that fatally blows them apart. This is most unlikely. An insightful chapter here focuses on the cock-ups last autumn over the single currency, when it was aunounced that entry had been ruled out for this Parliament. The authors reveal that it was the europhile Brown who advocated this strategy and the slightly more sceptical Blair who had his doubts. The account strikes me as broadly correct, although the personal tension between the two men in the build-up to that decision is underplayed. The differences were over who was leaking what to whom, and tactics rather than policy. Both men assume that Britain will sign up to the single currency soon after the next election.

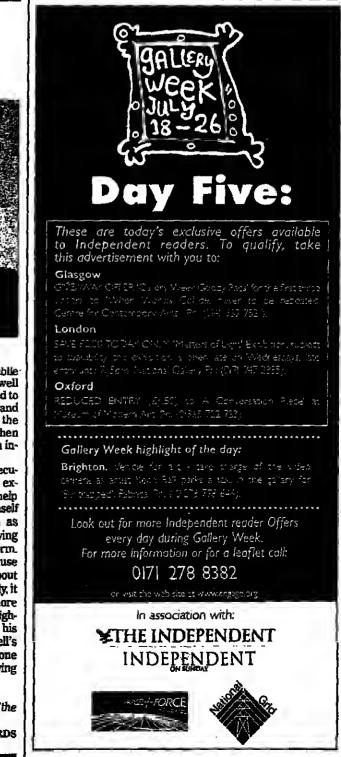
The only cause for a fatal parting of the ways would be if Blair disagreed with Brown's economic policy. With perfect timing, the book sets out in a fuller way than I have yet read Brown's radical instincts, and his pas-

sionate belief in equality and public services. It reminds us that, well before the election, he had decided to allocate more money for health and education, but could not say so in the perverse pre-election climate, when spending money implied a rise in income tax.

It is possible, as the book speculates, that Blair differs about the extent to which the state ought to help the individual I doubt it. Blair himself identified education and health as the Government's priorities, knowing that money had to accompany reform. But we do not know for sure, because so much less has been written about Blair than about Brown, Unusually, it is the Chancellor who has been more extensively chronicled than his neighbour. So peripheral are Blair and his team here that Alastair Campbell's name is constantly misspelt. Anyone would think that Brown was behaving as if he were Prime Minister.

The reviewer is political editor of the New Statesman

STEVE RICHARDS



# WEDNESDAY POEM

BIRTHING BY JEAN 'BINTA' BREEZE

ah carry she cross water ah carry she cross lan ah carry she wid all dignity ah born she on a day like balm a day of potency wen spirits warm an cluster roun an smelt of milk

This poem comes from Jean 'Binta' Breeze's 1992 collection Spring Cleaning', which has just been reissued by Virago (£6.99)

# Sir James Lighthill

JAMES LIGHTHILL was acknowledged throughout the world as one of the great mathematical scientists of this century. He was the prototypical applied mathematician, immersing himself thoroughly in the essence and even the detail of every engineering, physical or hiological problem he was seeking to illuminate with mathematical description, formulating a sequence of clear mathematical problems and attacking them with a formidable range of techniques completely mastered, or adapted to the particular need, or newly created for the purpose; and then finally returning to the original problem with understanding, predictions, and advice for action

His published legacy, of six books and some 150 papers (most of them republished in four volumes in 1997 by Oxford University Press) show at every stage a well-nigh perfect correspondence between a clearly identified physical process or mechanism and its expression and description in mathematical terms. His papers or lectures often emphasised the physical aspects, and gave the mathematics almost as a throwaway for those who like everything formalised; hut in fact his style of working was usually the reverse.

In one of his most celebrated works, his first paper on "Sound Generated Aerodynamically", by jet aircraft and the like, he developed the essential mathematical structure completely in two weeks, but felt that the users (aeroengine designers) would not be able to grasp the implications, and so he delayed submission of his manuscript for 16 months, in which time he worked backwards from the conclusions, isolating the meaning at each stage and refining and simplifying the mathematics as he did so.

He was in no sense simply the deployer of existing mathematics against a rich range of practical problems. To be sure, his earliest papers on supersonic flight already showed brilliant mastery and exploitation of classical techniques. But much more powerful techniques were needed for problems such as those of how waves in fluids are generated and propagated, and for this Lighthill made great developments in the theory of Fourier analysis, generalised functions and asymptotics - all set out with elegance and economy, and full rigour, in a delightful 1958 book, Introduction to Fourier Analysis and Generalised Functions. Rather different ideas were needed for nonlinear problems, such as the propagation and focusing of sonic booms, and here Lighthill provided equally original and elegant new techniques, permanent and fre- mained over nearly 50 years the quently used additions to the armoury.

Michael James Lighthill was born in Paris, in 1924, and excelled across the board at Winchester before going up to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1941 for a two-year wartime BA. He worked on supersonic flight at the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, for the rest of the Second

before he was 20. He then went as Senior Lecturer to Manchester University at the age of 22, before taking the Beyer Professorship of Applied Mathematics there, aged 26, in succession to Sydney Goldstein. In his 13 years at Manchester, 1946-59, Lighthill ran one of the most powerful and inventive fluid dynamics groups ever formed anywhere.

He had many PhD students, who often rose to considerable heights themselves. Indeed, there was a period in which no fewer than 17 of his Manchester students held Chairs in the UK and that at a time when the number of universities was no more than a third of its present number. Although prepared to share the credit on a paper with a colleague, Lighthill almost never allowed his name to appear as author on any paper written by a student. And he was, then and since, tireless in his support for young scientists of any

He explained to the magistrates how, as Lucasian Professor, being fully seized of his duty not to waste energy, he was compelled to desist from applying the brake on any downhill stretch of road

promise and for scientists working disadvantaged circumstances.

During these Manchester years, Lighthill worked extensively on gasdynamics, including effects important at very high speed, in his studies of ionisation processes, and the diffraction of shock and hlast wayes. He also launched two major new fields in fluid mechanics. The first of these, "aeroacoustics", or "sound generated aerodynamically". was announced in a remarkable paper published by the Royal Society in 1952. Unusually, but significantly, that paper neither contains nor needs so much as a single reference to any prior work. This work has reprogenitor of all subsequent work in the field, and has been cited in

many thousands of later papers. It had immediate implication for noise reduction in jet aeroengines, motivating the trend begun later in the 1950s and still continuing, to engines with higher hypass ratio, greater diameter and lower exhaust

World War, publishing his first paper speed, as mandated by Lighthill's famous eighth power law for jet noise. Remarkably, the Lighthill theory was sufficiently versatile to be applied also to problems as diverse as the heating of the sun's corona and the noise beard under water due to breaking surface waves and splashing drops.

The second, "nonlinear acoustics", was initiated by a famous 100-page article written in 1966 in honour of the 70th birthday of another great mechanics scientist, Sir Geoffrey Taylor. This field is again represented now by many thousands of papers, and applications include kidney-stone-crushing lithotripsy machines and, with the same mathematics, flood waves in rivers and traffic flow on highways. From Manchester, Lighthill went

in 1959 to be Director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, where his leadership extended to the critical examination of every report emanating from RAE. The six years to 1964 saw him again in his element ("Wouldn't change it for anything!"), working on the aerodynamics of the slender delta wing for Concorde, on spacecraft, and on short-haul aircraft. He also worked with the Post Office in developing commercial use of television and communications satellites, while managing in unusual detail the work of the 8,000 RAE staff, of whom 1,400 were professional scientists and engineers. Towards the end of his RAE time he became dissatisfied with the support in national societies for applied mathematics, and founded the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, of which he was the first President, in 1965-67. From 1964 to 1969 Lighthill held

a Royal Society research professorship at Imperial College, and here he began his great development of mathematical hiofluiddynamics the quantitative understanding of the flow of blood in mammalian cardiovascular systems, of air in the human airways, and of the flying of hirds and insects and the swimming of fish, Mastery of the hiology was, he insisted, the sine qua non for entry into this field. He revelled, in lectures, not only in the articulation of all the Latin names, but in his abillty to perform the appropriate gymnastics to illustrate certain flying characteristics - in particular the "clap and fling" mechanism employed by the tiny winged encarsia formosa to endow It with a lift coefficient far above that ohtainable from the ordinary aerodynamics in which the component parts of the body do not hreak apart.

In 1969 he succeeded Paul Dirac. founder of much of quantum mechanics, in the Lucasian Professorship of Mathematics at Cambridge - though when he referred to "my predecessor in the Chair" one sensed he was thinking primarily of Newton. Here he taught indefatigably, and with enormous gusto, six days of the week at nine in the morning. He widened his range yet further with work on control systems; on active control of sound, or anti-



Lighthill was one of the greatest mathematicians of the century

sound; more and more on waves; on oceanography and atmospheric dynamics, including monsoon prediction and propagation; and on hiological mechanics at the microscopic level.

From 1979 to 1989 Lighthill was Provost of University College London, much engaged in fund-raising. in new developments in the college. particularly in the hiology and hiotechnology sides, and in dramatically improving the representation of women in senior posts. He still maintained his scientific work, with studies on the unpredictability of large systems, on wave enerextraction devices, and on gy features of the human auditory system. After retirement he took up chairmanship of the Special Committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and travelled and lectured world-wide.

His achievements were widely recognised - through election as FRS at the age of 29, through the award of 24 honorary doctorates, through foreign membership of the he would create one - mastering most prestigious academies, through receipt of many medals and prizes, and through knighthood in 1971.

Stories about Lighthill are legion, and no amount of discounting for exaggeration makes them less amusing or less essentially accurate. It is well known that he was fined £1 for jumping from a train as it passed to his dismay without stopping through Crewe; and that on more than one occasion he successfully defended himself on charges of speedy driving, turning the spotlight of his presence, charm and authority on the magistrates as be explained how, as Lucasian Professor, he was fully seized both of the laws first ever to do this, at the age of 49) of mechanics and of his duty to so- against high winds and buge waves, ciety not to waste energy, the latter before dying close to the shore. compelling him to desist from applying the hrake on any downhill section of road.

He saw everything as a challenge to his hrain, or to his physique, or to the co-ordination of the two. And if no challenge were obviously to hand Godfrey Argent

Portuguese in three weeks to the extent that he could give a (long) after-dinner speech in the language. for example. He listed his leisure interests as music and swimming, to which surely literature, poetry (especially Portuguese) and languages (French, German, Russian, Portuguese) should be added.

His swimming exploits were legendary - careful in their homework on tides and local currents, bold in their ignoring of everything else. On countless occasions he came home safely, against the odds. Last Saturday he almost completed a ninehour swim round Sark (he was the

D. G. Crighton IN 1965, my wife and I were invited to stay the weekend by Lord James of Rusholme, then Vice-Chancellor

of the infant York University, writes

Tam Dalyell. As Eric James, he

had been the legendary high master of Manchester Grammar School and previously chemistry master at Winchester. "One of the supreme challenges and pleasures, he said. which can befall a schoolmaster is to teach young boys who are aiready deverer, and in some ways more knowledgeable than oneself."

The pupils he had in mind were Dick Synge, later Nobel prizewinner. Christopher Longuet-Higgins, inture Professor of Theoretical Chemistry at Cambridge, and the then inseparable friends Freeman Dyson. now a distinguished American based physicist, and Michael - as he was called then - Lighthill.

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Our hostess, Cordelia James, herself an Oxford First, recalled:

It was during the Second World War, and Eric and I would take the younger Wan-chester Collegers to Harvest Camp at Hurstbourne Priory Our meals were in the village hall. There I ruled the roest. and made a rota of boys to sweep up.
Whenever it was their turn, these two small boys, Dyson and Lighthill, would measure squares and isosceles triangles measure squares and induces a transpar-to the last mch, so that they swept exact-ly the same floor space. And, when stock-ing [putting up sheaves of wheat to dryl, said one to another rebukingly. "Have you never seen a single cruciform basilica?"

Some months later, when I was his lunch guest after an official MPs' visit to RAE Farnborough, I told Lighthill about staying with the Jameses. Yes, he said, he deemed it a great good fortune that wartime teachers, many of whom were elderly, had stayed on at Winchester while younger colleagues were at the war. He had been awarded a major scholarship in Mathematics to Trinity College, Cambridge, at the age of 15, and their concern had-been his balanced. progress, while doing nothing to quench his insatiable curiosity.

After lunch, out of Lighthill's hearing, I asked one of his colleagues, an experienced and distinguished aeronantical engineer over 50, how he liked having a director in his mid-thirties. Normally, he said, he and his colleagues would resent someone 20 years younger than themselves as their boss, but since they were good enough to recognise scientific genius, Lighthill was more than acceptable. "He confirms ns as one of the greatest - if not the greatest - aeronautical research establishment in the world, the United States included," he said, and that is precisely what Lighthill did in the 1960s.

Michael James Lighthill, mathematician: born Paris 23 January 1924; Fellow, Trinity College, Cambridge 1945-49; Senior Lecturer in Moths, Manchester University 1946-50, Beyer Professor of Applied Mathematics 1950-59; FRS 1953; Director RAE, Farnborough 1959-64; FRAeS 1961; Royal Society Research Professor, Imperial College 1964-69: Lucasian Professor of Mathematics. Cambridge University 1969-79; Kt 1971; Propost of University College London 1979-89; married 1945 Nancy Dumaresq (one son, four daughters); died Sark 17 July 1998.

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Foregram,

# Betty Marsden

WHAT IS the difference between an impersonator and an impressionist? Compiling a catalogue of entertainers in British cinema recently, I ran into the difficulty of how best to characterise particular acts. The difference in this case, 1 now realise, was Betty Marsden. While Florence Desmond spent her lifetime imitating persons who had attained film fame (Katharine Hephurn and her "I'm not afraid, why should I be afraid?", Greta Garbo and her "I vant to be alone"), Betty Marsden, who could have adapted Lon Chaney's hilling as "The Girl With a Thousand Voices", never once imitated a known personality.

She gave impressions of types known to us all - the veteran actress Dame Celia Molestrangler, the octogenarian Gaiety Girl Lady Beatrice Counterblast, the fashion-plater Daphne Whitethigh - and impressive they were. True, there was one character or perhaps caricature which came directly from a media star of the Fifties, and that was the extraordinary television cook Fanny Cradock, but Marsden's Fanny Haddock, "The Bella Donna of the Baking Dish", is the exception that proves the rule. As a radio comedienne Betty Marsden was Queen of

Beatrice Marsden was born in Liverpool in 1919. Her parents were too poor to raise her and at the age of six she was adopted by a Somerset music teacher, Betty Allen. Already an inborn talent to amuse was beginning to show, and her sister later recalled that at the age of seven little Betty was prophesying that one day her name would be up in lights outside a London theatre. Soon she was giving recitations at local Conservative clubs and at the grand old age of 11 was playing First Fairy in A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Pavilion Theatre in Bath.

In 1930 she made her London for Rank, a spot of comedy in Big-

debut at the Victoria Palace in a fairy play called The Windmill Man. It won her a scholarship to that famous training ground for talented juveniles, the Italia Conti Stage School, which five years later found her a part in Closing at Sunrise at the Royalty Theatre.

Was there a talent for comedy yet showing through the dramatic amhitions? Perhaps, for while she played in the serious morality play Johnson Over Jordan (1939) by J.B. Priestley, she also had a role in a Ivor Novello production prophetically entitled Comediannes (1938). Perhaps. comedy came to the fore during the Second World War when she did a number of tours for the armed forces with an Ensa company (and met her future husband. Dr Jimmy Muggoch, then an army doctor, on a troopship). Meanwhile in 1938, still billed as

'I'd love to kiss and cuddle youhoo-hoo in a canoe-hoo-hoo'

Beatrice, she acted in her first film. This was a "quota quickie" called Sky Raiders which ran for under an hour. Marsden played "Miss Quarm". Between Ensa shows she appeared as Jean the pianist who accompanied the star Ann Todd while she sang "Santa Sent Me To You" in the Ealing Studios war epic Ships With Wings (1941). It would be 10 years before she made another film, and then it was a dramatised documentary. The Undefeated (1951).

Marsden's film career was, to be honest, no great shakes: a character role in The Young Lovers (1954)

Hearted Arthur Askey's hurlesque western Ramsbottom Rides Again (1956), a couple of Corry Ons, as Mata Hari in Carry On Regardless (1961) and as Harriet Potter in Carry On Camping (1969). Easily her best movie was The Wild Affair (1963), based on William Sansom's novel The Last Hours of Sandra Lee.

Her television career was perhaps more notable. Beginning with roles in The Winslow Boy (1949) and Cranford (1951), she played Rachel Warden in the Charles Dickens serial of The Pickwick Papers (1952) a couple of Armchair Theatres (1965), and winding up in the Nineties with character roles in Inspector Morse (1990) and The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes (1994).

But it was during the Golden Age of radio that Betty Marsden found a permanent niche. Spotted by the BBC producer Jacques Brown in a sequence of top West End revues including Airs on a Shoestring (1953) and On the Brighter Side (1955) in which she supported the brilliant Scots impressionist/impersonator Stanley Baxter, Brown signed her for a new series he was working on. Brown was himself no mean comedy performer Small wonder then that this new series should thriftly evolve into a brilliant mixture of gags, puns, hurlesque, satire, and outrage.

Written by the well-established scriptwriter Eric Merryman in partnership with an ex-comedian turned apprentice writer, Barry Took, the first programme was broadcast oo 1 July 1958. Instead of the contracted six shows it ran uninterrupted for 21 weeks. Announced as "a sort of radio show", it started Mr Kenneth Horne "who prefers to remain anonymous". Marsden was the only female voice among a company of eccentric comedians, each of whom sported a variety of accents: Kenneth Williams. Hugh Paddick, Ron Moody and Stanley Unwin, he of the tangled tongue.

Series two, off the mark in 1959, replaced Moody and Unwin with Jon Pertwee's hrother Bill and this would remain the permanent roster until the very end, not only of Beyond Our Ken but of its successor. Round the Horne. Merryman and Took remained in partnership for the first 40 shows, then Merryman continued alone for the next 50 or so.

After the last show (16 February 1964) Merryman departed, taking his title with him, and a "new" show was created by a returning Took and his new writing partner, the oddly eyeballed Marty Feldman. Thus Beyond Our Ken became Round the Horne. cast and jokes much as before hut with a new injection of ever-increasing doubles, often singles, entendres. The series died on 9 June 1968 when its star fell seriously ill.

Marsden was always the only woman in the shows, thanks to the many amusing accents and voices she created. They varied from the veteran theatricals Dame Celia Molestrangler and her partner Binkie Huckaback (Hugh Paddick), who played Fiona and Charles, very longterm lovers in a series of hrief encounters. Another pair were Lady Beatrice Counterblast (née Clissold) of Chattering Parva, where she held court "many many times" with her creaking butler Spasm (Kenneth Williams) whose main response was

the dire warning, "We all be doomed!" There was Fanny Haddock, guesting in the weekly Hornerama feature with cookery hints ("One man's meat is another man's rissoles") and Haddock's later clone Daphne Whitethigh who advised on the right way to prepare hippopotamus in the shell. She also turned up in all kinds of voices to suit the programme's Film of the

Week parody. She played Sheriff Kitty Dillon in "Tunbridge Wells Fargo" ("My Great grandfather Bicarbonate Dillon was one of the early settlers!"), and as Mil-



Marsden in rehearsals for Everybody Loves Opal, 1964. She played Opai

appearances.

in her hand. Not that she was a hush,

but she was expansive in her pri-

vate life as well as in her public

known, and radio was her métier.

Her characterisations in Round the

fectly tuned bells, and I can think of

no one with a greater range.

licent in "Kitty From Kensington" she crooned, "I'd love to kiss and cuddle you-hoo-hoo in a canoe-hoo-hoo." One hopes that the powers that be at the BBC will now rescue from their vaults some of the best remember BOKs (as they used to call Beyond) Our Kens, especially their annual Giggleswade Music Festivals). Meanwhile Marsden's unique voice talents will always be treasured as long as there are sound cassettes.

Denis Gifford

Betty Marsden died as she would have liked, writes Barry Took, in a bar with friends and with a glass

in the show we were able to give her plenty to do. Our first creation was the ex-Gaiety girl Beatrice Clissold who, now the aged Lady Counterblast,

time at all to realise what a star we

had and as she was the only woman

reminisced with Kenneth Horne about her colourful past. We wrote: HORNE: I believe you have been married more than once. LADY C: Yes, I was married many times, many many times . . .

Betty, alive to the value of a good catchphrase, seized on this and used it - well, many many times, to the delight of the listener.

Knowing the rapport she had with Hugh Paddick we invented a sort of Alfred Lunt/Lynn Fontame couple who we called Dame Celia Molestrangler and ageing juvenile Binkie Huckaback, writing for them various parodies of the Brief Encounter school of cinema. Betty played Dame Celia with a muted relish that was a joy.

Looking back I can see her at the microphone at the old Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, elegant, poised and delivering her lines with crisp perfection: Daphne Whitethigh with her hints to housewives, a timid newly wed in a parody of Gaslight, a number of end-of-thepier entertainers, various femmes futales, in James Bond send-ups, old bags, a sex-starved Australian, a more Dietrich than Dietrich She was one of the most distin-Fraulein - nothing was beyond her, guished hroadcasters I have ever

nothing escaped her. On Round the Horne we all loved her for her raucous sense of humour. Horne ring still like so many perher mischief and her singular charm. She was a one-off.

I met her first in 1958 at the be-Beatrice (Betty) Marsden, actress ginning of Beyond Our Ken, of and comedienne: born Liverpool 24 which I was a co-writer for over 40 February 1919; married Dr Jimmy programmes, hut it was in Round Muggoch (deceased; one son the Horne where Betty really shone. one daughter); died Northwood, It took Marty Feldman and me no Middlesex 18 July 1998.

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PER DINESTON REVIEW

# John Harding

JOHN HARDING was an authority on small crustaceans, and an all-round

He was born in South Africa, where he developed an interest in natural history, but he was educated in England. where he graduated from the University College of Exeter and later obtained a doctorate at Cambridge. He also spent some time at the University of Cincinnati. After a brief period with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries he moved, in 1937, to the real mass to Museum, London, where he was to Museum, London, where he was to

Here he studied the taxonomy of various groups of crustaceans embraced by the old name Entomostraca. The results of much of this work are tucked away in the scientific literature, but be will he remembered by several generations of freshwater biologists, amateur and professional, for the identification manual on the British species of what are popularly known as "waterfleas" that he produced in collaboration with a remarkable amateur investigator, D.J. Jourfield, in 1941. A Key to the British Species of Freshwater Cladocera has gone through several editions. His work demanded that he

His work demanded that he cast his net widely and he became familiar with diverse groups of crustaceans, including copepods, ostracods (of which he described the first-known terrestrial species), and fairy shrimps. Always keen on the making of gadgets, he designed and constructed various devices that facilitated the manipulation and dissection of these often minute creatures. One such, based on the principle of the pantograph, was eventually marketed as the Labgear-Harding microdissector, enabling small organisms to he assected under the microscope.

· ning For many years he was also responsible for the annual compilation of the section of the Zoological Record that listed and categorised all publications dealing with the Crustacea - a muchappreciated service. Taxonomy seldom permits a light-hearted approach, hut Harding's choice of names for previously unknown species was sometimes amusing. When viewed from in front, the head of one beast, belonging to a group that Americans call clam-shrimps, had a remarkably monkey-like appearance that earned it the specific name siminefacies, while among animals derived from Lake Titicaca one received the

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specific name of titi, another caca. He became Keeper of Zoology in 1954 and held this position until retirement

A quiet, gentle individual, John Hard-



Harding in his laboratory

Sidnie Manton (who died in 1979), one of the outstanding zoologists of her century, had the benefit of his photographic and other skills during her work on arthropod locomotion, and ber hook on Colourpoint cats, of which she was an enthusiastic breeder, is illustrated by his splendid photographs (Colourpoint Longhair and Himalayan Cats, 1971).

During her disabling illness he made various gadgets to improve her mobility. Bee-keeping, puzzle-solving and the making of elaborate Christmas cards were hut some of his diverse interests. and as a keeper of various pets one of his achievements was to provide coning was a man of many talents. His wife, ditions that enabled a pregnant cham-

eleon - Delilah by name - that I sent him from Malawi to lay eggs that successfully hatched: a feat that London Zoo was apparently unable to emulate.

A scooter enthusiast, he not only used such a vehicle for nipping through London traffic, but on several occasions scootered to the Lake District to meetings of the Council of the Freshwater Biological Association on which he long served. On one occasion he was so cold that he stopped at a convenient place, added his pyjama to his attire and, thus fortified arrived safely. On another he ran out of fuel almost at journey's end, left his scooter at a house, in the dark, and completed his journey on foot.

Natural History Museum Archive

Next day we had to find the unknown house at which he had left his steed, An unusual, perhaps unique, distinction was that, not once but twice, he stopped a railway train by use of the communication cord.

**Geoffrey Fryer** 

John Philip Harding, 200logist: born Cape Town 12 November 1911; staff, British Museum (Natural History) 1937-71, Keeper of Zoology 1954-71: Visiting Professor, Westfield College, London 1971-77; married 1937 Sidnie Manton (died 1979; one son, one daughters; died East Hoathly, East Sussex 14 July 1998.

# SCIENTIFIC NOTES

# Furious feuds and battles of wit

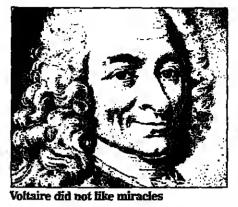
IN THE 17th and 18th centuries, three major scientific feuds pitted a brilliant wide-ranging generalist against an equally hrilliant, hut narrower, specialist. The outcomes of the feuds varied considerably; but each had major effects on the progress of mathematics and science, effects that reverberate into our own day.

Toward the end of the 17th century, for example, Thomas Hobbes, philosopber, political theorist, and lay scientist, hattled furiously with John Wallis, a mathematician and, not incidentally, a cleric. Wallis loathed both Hobbes and his anticlerical ideas, and waited for Hobbes to blunder into his territory. This Hobbes finally did when he proposed a solution to a mathematical conundrum that had plagued geometers for more than 3,000 years.

The basic idea was to use geometric methods to construct a square with the same area as a given circle. It was called squaring the circle (the "quadrature" problem). Though Hobbes was wrong, he refused to accept this, and the controversy escalated - or degenerated - into a battle of wit. Hobbes described Wallis's ingenious algebraic method as "so covered over with the scah of symbols" that he had no patience to deal with it it looked "as if a hen had been scraping there".

Was their quarter-century of hattle a foolish waste of time and energy? Not at all. Both men, in different ways, were to bave an impact on the later development of that mathematical engine of science, the calculus. But in this discovery too there was plenty of beat as well as light, for Isaac Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, two giants of their time, battled about priority. Accusations and counterclaims flew thick and fast. Although it is Leihniz's notation that is used today in calculus, and although Leibniz actually did publish first, it was Newton who prevailed in the personal battle they fought. Final result: one of Leibniz's friends noted in his memoirs that when Leibniz died in 1716 he was huried "more like a robber than what he really was, the ornament of his country".

This feud, pitting two towering figures against each other in a terribly sad drama, came about largely because there was at the time no good way of establishing priority. The feud may well, then, have been a factor in the development of the modern



scientific paper. When this type of paper finally came into being in the middle of the 19th century, its objective seems to have been less to share new discoveries with the scientific community than to establish priority in the scientist's discovery.

Even Voltaire, our third generalist turned his sights on poor Leibniz. In 1749, 33 years after Leibniz's death, he launched a savage assault on Leibniz's philosopby. Although Voltaire was not a trained scientist, he was certainly interested in the scientific world and can be considered one of our earliest science writers. It was be who introduced Newton's work to the European continent.

In a reverse twist, the generalist Voltaire lay in waiting for Joseph Turberville Needham, a cocky scientist and cleric, to commit a blunder of some sort. This Needham did when he performed an experiment that, he felt, demonstrated spontaneous generation, the generation of life from non-life, and therefore that miracles do happen. Voltaire did not like miracles, and he did not like Needham,

The dispute between Voltaire and Needham was an important factor in hringing the spontaneous generation question to a head, and it thereby caused the needed experimental evidence to appear that finally showed that both men's ldeas on the subject were wrong. It also moved studies of hiological development still important today - into a scientific mode.

Hal Hellman is the author of Great Feuds in Science: ten of the liveliest disputes ever' (Wiley, £16.50), published tomorrow

# GAZETTE

# BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

### DEATHS

CUMMINS: In loving memory of John (JC) of West Wickham, Keat, formerly of Dulwich. Passed away peacefully on 19 July 1998. Burial in Ireland on Friday 24 July 1998.

POSKETT: Leigh, peacefully at home with her family, in Canber-ra, Australia, Enfolded in love – forever. 18 July 1998.

### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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The Queen bolds an Investiture at Buckingham Palace. The Duke of Edinburgh visits Co-Steel Sheerness plc, Sheerness, Kent. The Duke of York visits Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; No 7 Company Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Coldstream

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# BIRTHDAYS

Mr Harry Barnes MP, 62; Dr Sir Reginald Bennett, former MP, 87; Mr Jetmund Engeset, Surgeon to the Queen in Scotland, 60; Mr Bryan Forbes, novelist and film producer, 72; Sir Patrick Garland, High Court judge, 69; Mr Jimmy Hill, television soccer presenter, 70: General Sir Charles Huxtable, former Commander in-Chief, UK Land Forces, 67; Mrs Joanna Kennedy, civil engineer, 48; Miss Bonnie Langford. actress, 34; Professor Sir Ronald Mason, chemist, 68; Dr David Quarmby, Chairman, British Tourist Authority and English Tourist Board, 57; Mr Terence Stamp, actor, 60; Sir Anthony Steen MP, 59; Mrs Alison Willcocks, Head of Bedales School, 46.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Cooper, first Earl of Shaftesbury, statesman, 1621; Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel. astronomer and mathematician, 1784; Gregor Johann Mendel, Augustinian monk and botanist, 1822; Louis-Gabriel Eugene Isabey, painter and lithographer, 1803; Sir Herbert Stanley Oakeley, composer and organist, 1830; The Rev William Archibald Spooner, originator of "spoonerisms", 1844: William Poel (Pole), actor-manager, 1852; Frederick William Rolfe ("Baron Corvo"), writer, 1860; Gus Elen Œrnest Augustus Elen), music-hall artiste, 1862; Lev Borisovich Kamenev, politician, 1883, Selman Abraham Waksman, biochemist, 1888; Artur von Seyss-Inquart, Nazi High Commissioner of Bohemia. 1892; James Whale, film director, 1896; Stephen Vincent Benét, poet and novelist, 1898; Alexander Calder, bent-wire and metal

sculptor, 1898.

### Deaths: Simon Langham, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1376: Charles VII of France, 1461; Henry III of France.

assassinated 1589; John Dalton, poet, 1763; Marie François-Xavier Bichat, anatomist, 1802; Emmanuel-Henri Louis-Alexandre de Launay, Comte d'Antraigues, publicist, and his wife, an opera singer, murdered by a servant 1812: George Shaw, naturalist, 1813; Giuseppi Piazzi, monk and astronomer, 1826; Christopher Wilhelm Eckersberg. painter, 1853; Wilson Barrett (William Henry), actor and playwright, 1904; Friedrich Adolf Axel Detlev von Freiherr Liliencron, writer, 1909; James Whitcombe Riley. poet, 1916; John Meade Falkner, novelist, 1932; Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical producer, 1932; John Dillinger, "Public Enemy No 1", shot dead in an ambush 1934; William Lyon Mackenzie King, statesman, 1950; Carl Sandburg, poet, 1967; Sir Births: Philip I, King of Robert Eric Mortimer Spain, 1478; Anthony Ashley Wheeler, archaeologist, 1976;

> On this day: the French defeated the English at the Battle of Saintes, 1242; the English defeated the Scots, led by Wallace, at the Battle of Falkirk, 1298; Belgrade was besieged by the Ottoman Turks, 1456; Alexander Mackenzie crossed Canada overland and reached the Pacific, 1793, the English fleet drove off the French at the Battle of Cape Finisterre, 1805; in Spain, the Duke of Wellington defeated the French in the Battle of Salamanca, 1812; the Mormons. moving westwards, reached the site of Salt Lake City, 1847; Federal troops stopped the Confederates at the Battle of Atlanta, 1864; in Russia, Alexander Kerensky became prime minister, 1917; Wiley Post completed the first round-the-world solo air flight in seven days, 18 hours, 49 minutes, 1933; the

Harold Larwood, cricketer.

**Bretton Woods Conference** on international monetary policy ended, 1944; hread rationing started in Britain, 1946; after six years in exile. King Leopold III returned to Belgium, 1950; the Russian unmanned spacecraft Venera 8 made a soft landing on Venus, 1972; Greece and Turkey agreed to a ceasefire in Cyprus, 1974; the first London performance of the musical show A Chorus Line was staged, 1976.

Today is the Feast Day of St John Lloyd, St Joseph of Palestine, St Mary Magdalen, St Philip Evans, St Vandrille or Wandregesilus.

### **LECTURES**

National Gallery: Tom Parsons, "Caravaggio (iv): Boy bitten by a lizard", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Amelia Fearn, "Silver Design in the 20th Century (ii)", 2pm. British Museum: Jonathan Tubb, "The Raymond and **Beverly Sackler Gallery of** the Ancient Levant", 11.30am. National Portrait Gallery: Justin Mortimer, "BP Portrait Award 1998: the artist's

# DINNERS

view", 1.10pm.

Corporation of London A dinner was held yesterday evening by the Corporation of London at the Guildhall, London EC2, in honour of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic, Mr Heydar Aliyev. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Richard Nichols, and the Lady Mayoress received the guests. Among those present were:

Mr Tong Zuhlugarov, Winister of Foreign Affairs; Mr Vahid Akhundov, State Adviser of the President on Economic Issues; Mr Rafael Allahverdier, Mayor of Baku City: Mr Natig Aliyev, President of SOCAR; Mr Ilham Aliyev, Pirst Vice-President of SOCAR; The Ambassador of the Azerbaijan Republic, Mr Mahmud Mamed-Kuliyev; Mr Ali Asadov, Assistant to the President; Mr Akid Muradverdiyev; Mrs Dilara Seldzade.

Assistant to the President; Mrs Shafiga Mamedove; Mr Omar Eldarov: Mr Vagil Akhundov, General-Lieutenant, Adjutant of the President; Mr Beyfar Eyurov, Personal Secretary of the President; Mr Namili, Nasrullayev, Minister of Economy, Mr Nadar Nasrullayev, Minister of Communication; Mr Nadar Nasibli, Chairman of the State Committee of Property; Mr Irshad Aliyev, Minister of Agriculture; Mr Elman Rustanov, Chairman of the Board of the National Bank; Mr Fund Akhundov, President of the International Bank; The Ambassador of Lebanon, Dr Mahmoud Hammoud; Lord Gillford; Lord Prior; Sir Malcolm Rillind; Mr Tun Eggar; Mr Derck Fatchett. MR Minister of State of Preeign and Commonwealth Affairs; Sir Patrick Walker; Sir James Spicer; Sir John Browne; Sir Fraser Morrison; Mr and Mrs Michael Oliver.

### **ROYAL SOCIETY OF** MEDICINE

Sir Christopher Paine, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, yesterday presented Diplomas of Honorary Fellowship to Professor S. M. Goldberg, Lord Rix of Whitehall, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt, Professor Claes-Goran Westrin and Mr James Noël Wilson. Lord Soulsby of Swaffham Prior was then installed as President. Lord and Lady Soulsby later presided over a reception and dinner at 1 Wimpole Street, London W1, for the new Honorary Fellows. Among the guests were: Annual Lady Walton; Baroness Whatton; Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholms; Sir Gordon and Lady Robson;
Sir David and Lady Innes Williams; Sir
Donald and Lady Horrison; Dame
Deirotre Hime and Mr R. Hime; Lord and
Lady Lovell Davis; Lord McColi; Sir
Donald Irvine; Sir Norman and Lady
Browse; Sir Rodney and Lady Sweetnam.

### CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

The following resignations and retirements have been announced by the Church of England:

The Rev Graham Creasey, Priest-in-Charge, Gleadless Valley (Sheffield): resigned 30 June. The Rev Citve Kerm, Vicar, Sheffield St John the Evangelist (Sheffield): to retire 15 October. The Rev Struce Lyons, Priest-in-Charge,

# Lands Tribunal THE JURISDICTION of the WEDNESDAY

### Lands Tribunal to order discharge of a restriction upon the use of land was not necessarily co-existent with its jurisdiction to order modifi-

cation of such a restriction. The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal, by way of case stated, of the University of Westminster against the decision of the Lands Tribunal refusing to discharge certain restrictions on the use of land owned by it.

The land was subject to

covenants restricting its use to certain specified purposes relevant to the provision of further o. higher education. The appellant applied to the Lands Tribunal, under section 84 of the Law of Property Act 1925, for the discharge or modification of those restrictions. The tribunal refused to discharge the restrictions, but determined that they should be modified so as to permit the land to be used for general educational purposes as well as for the specified purposes already permitted. The appellant appealed. Nicholas Taggart (Nabarro

Lord Justice Chadwick said that the findings of fact made by the tribunal were not open to challenge, and, on the basis of those findings, there had been no jurisdiction to make an order to discharge the restrictions. The following observations

Nothanson) for the appellant.

might be of future assistance to the tribunal. The jurisdiction of the Lands Tribunal under section 84(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 to discharge a restriction affecting land was not necessarily co-extensive inertia or misunderstanding. It with the jurisdiction to order

# LAW REPORT

Limits to jurisdiction of

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Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, Lord Justice Waller and Lord Justice Chadwick) 15 July 1998

modification of that restriction. Whether either jurisdiction existed would depend on the finding of fact made in relation to whichever of the statutory grounds in section 84(1) was relied on, and for that reason the tribunal'a findings of fact should

be specific. It was a question of fact whether ground (b) in section 84(1), ie whether the persons entitled to the benefit of the restriction had agreed either expressly or by implication to its discharge or modification, was made out in circumstances in which the only material from which agreement could be established was the failure of persons to whom notice of the application had been sent to respond to the notice. There was no presumption that failure to respond was sufficient evidence of agreement.

The tribunal had to ask itself whether, in the particular circumstances, it was appropriate to draw the inference that the absence of response was the result of agreement rather than was only if the tribunal was sat-

isfied, on the balance of prob-abilities, (i) that every person so entitled had been served with notice, or had otherwise become aware, of the application and (ii) that any such person who was not in agreement with the proposal to discharge or modify the restriction would have thought it necessary to object in order to protect his interest, that the tribunal could exercise jurisdiction under ground (h) in a case where there was no other evidence of agreement

If an applicant intended to place reliance under ground (b) on a failure to respond to notice of a composite application, the notice would need to be drawn so as to make the distinction between discharge and modification, and the respective consequences of each, clear beyond the possibility of misunderstanding.

Once jurisdiction was established, the decision whether or not to make an order required an exercise of discretion, but that discretion could only be exercised in respect of the order which the tribunal had jurisdiction to make. It was only where there was jurisdiction to order both discharge and modification that the tribunal would have a discretion to choose between discharge and modification.

A finding of fact that one or more of the statutory grounds existed was likely, of itself and without more, to provide a good reason or reasons for making an order. If there was a good reason for making an order then, in the absence of some reason to the contrary, an order ought to be made in the proper exercise of the tribunal's discretion.

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

DICKENS WAS very fond of whats-it's-names, Thackeray preferred thingamy. The language of vagueness the all-purpose answer to an attack of nominal aphasia – has been with us for more than 300 years. Dryden started it in 1697 when

he wrote: "Two figures on

the sides appear: Conon.

# WORDS

WILLIAM HARTSTON whatsisname, collog.

made the sphere." It was Dickens, bowever, who popularised an impersonal use of what's his name. We read of "what's-its-name and What's his name who Place" in Nicholas Nicklebu.

templation are my what's. his-name" in Dombey and Son. In 1978, the New York Times asked: "What visual need caused the unforgettable 'whatsisname' to become whatsisface?" The blame rests on Dickens, who depersonalised Whatsisname, leaving the word needing a face-lift.

and "seclusion and con-

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# Vox **BRITANNIA**

How British are you?

Caroline Larsen, 36, lawyer, London To be British means to be cool and traditional and to have a dislike of foreigners. When you travel, saying you're British gets a good reaction. I'd rather be thought of as being British than as American or German. The British get a good reception abroad, apart from Australia and New Zealand. Those ex-colonies don't want to be associated with us and New Zealanders blame Britain for all their problems. As British people, we don't blow our own trumpet. We respect tradition and inherited wealth and often look down on someone who has made it by their own ability.

National pride is important, otherwise you don't have much to hang on to. When Princess Di died it brought us all together. When someone criticises Britain it makes you fiercely patriotic. I am ashamed of British

hooliganism generally, and lager louts and British boliday-makers in Spain in

I am British hut it hasn't come from my family, who are half-Danish. I was brought up with Danish traditions and standards. Because of

that, whenever I see something traditional such as Union Jacks I don't really find that it's part of me. This gives me a different insight into being British. This country is not parochial; it's a multicultural society, which I love. Apparently, the most popular dish in Britain is chicken tikka masala.

Nicola Cook, 25, youth worker, Loudon I love that British person abroad look of vinyl socks with sandals. While everybody else in Europe is turned out really well, the British will all wear 10year-old T-shirts with a logo that no longer exists. We enjoy looking scruffy. It's that British aversion to ironing. What's odd about the British is that we have a reputation for being loud and drunken on boliday but if there is something wrong we won't complain. If the toilet's broken in the hotel room we won't make a fuss. It's the embarrassment factor.

I'm very British, in that I need a cup of tea to function. My hushand is American and when his family come over and we go to a British pub they'll all talk really loudly and I try and get them to keep their voices down.

The Britisb can talk on most subjects. Our news is some of the best in the world. We travel a lot and we've just about recognised that we should learn a

few words in another language.

British women have a terrible holiday reputation. They go off in big groups and sleep around. I think that is because, as a nation, we are quite sexually repressed at home. Other countries kiss hello; we

just about shake hands. Also there's this obsession with bomes and DfY. And it's a Britisb thing not to care about children but to adore animals. Look at those little old ladies who leave thousands in their wills to a dogs' bome.



Bryan Gough, 62, care visitor, Camberley, Surrey When I went into National Service in 1954 I just wanted to get away from home really. It had nothing to do with patriotism. I joined the Navy, where all the Scots boys, Welsh boys and West country boys were put together, and I got a feeling for what was going

on in the rest of Britain. In the Navy you were made to feel responsible to Queen and country, but we were more proud of our ship and uniform than of our country, and were proud to be in the senior service rather than the RAF or the Army. You were conscious of the uniform that you wore, and you never let it down.

The British acquiesce to other people's requirements, but if pushed against a wall they fight back. We love an underdog.

We've not been invaded by a fighting force for hundreds of years but now we've been invaded in a financial way, which is more pernicious. When I was young people didn't stamp over others to get what they wanted. People in Britain are so much more materialistic now, it seems. Years ago, you respected people as long as they didn't cross over the threshold and invade your space.

INTERVIEWS BY CAYTE WILLIAMS



Braveheart portrayed the English as a 'race of sadistic, arrogant, posh poofs'

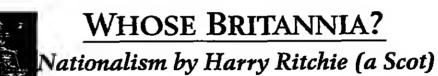
# All those in favour say 'aye'

be most remarkable and leastmentioned aspect of the British participation in this summer's World Cup – which has become the planet's most important opportunity for national self-assertion - was that there was no team representing Britain. The man initially responsible for this anomaly was Jimmy Ross, a Scottish footballer who played for Preston North End and, in a match on 30 October 1886, made the mistake of fouling an opponent wearing the hoops of Queen's Park. Preston were playing away from home and Ross's foul went down badly with the local crowd. A fair fraction were so incensed that they invaded the pitch and tried to attack Ross, who had to be smuggled out of the ground.

Although this match was an FA Cup he, the team wearing the boops were really Queen's Park from Glasgow and not their near-namesakes from Shepberd's Bush. In their illustrious Victorian days, Queen's Park were Scotland's leading representatives in what was originally a British compelition (and, in the two seasons before the ill-fated Preston North End clash, the Scots had reached the FA Cup final) - until Jimmy Ross committed his foul, the Glaswegian fans went mental, and the Scottisb Football Association. which was already at odds with the FA, took the chance to secede.

Let us imagine an alternative world, where Jimmy Ross had contracted flu on 29 October 1886, the match had passed off without incident and there was no breakaway by the SFA and no nations, so that the World Cup 112 years later included a team in which John Collins played alongside Paul Ince and Ryan Giggs supplied crosses to Alan Sbearer ... In that alternative world, where Collins's calm temperament and skill would have ensured a second-round victory over Argentina, would I have passed Norman Tebbit's notorious Test test and supported Great Britain?

Well, yes, a bit, kind of ... but I would only have scraped a pass, and I would certainly not have reacted with the same howling, traumatised passion as I did when supporting Scotland - and Tunisia, Romania, Colombia and (let us be honest about this) Argentina. Like most British people, I do not think of myself as being British. I accept the label, but rejuctantly and to far less an extent than I would accept being categorised as European. In fact, when I renew my passport next month, it will come as something of a relief to have the old dark-hive number with the Britannic Majesty stuff replaced by one of those plasticky red Euro jobs.



If you find the first sentence in the preceding paragraph offensive, or my attitude depressingly unpatriotic, it is odds-on that you are one or more of the following: 1. of an age to have acquired a bus pass, 2. very right-wing, 3. a member of the

Orange Lodge, 4. English. And if you are English, then it is odds on that when you say "Britain", you are really thinking of England, and that the adjective "British" evokes images that are distinctly (and anachronical line). istically) English - stiff upper lip, Cotswoldian landscape, cricket, warm beer, village greens, and all that. Given that this is a country which evokes responses from its citizenry, ranging from confusion through embarrassment and all the way to outright rejection, it seems extraordinary not that the Union might be questioned, but that my about-to-expire passport states that there is still such an entity as the "United Kingdom of Great

Britain and Northern Ireland". In fact, had the First World War not intervened, Scotland and possibly Wales would have a status similar to that which Catalonia or Andalucía has with Spain, Devolution was very much part of the agenda of the ruling Liberal party, which was anxious to avoid seeing the Issue of Scottish separate status for the four footballing home and Welsh bome rule develop as it had in what was to become the Republic of Ireland.

The absence of an Easter Rising in Cardiff or ignore - that Wales and Scotland were joined to England by Acts of Union rather than overt colonisation and that, consequently, the Welsh and Scots have not really been the victims of English oppression in the way that some extreme nationalists still like to think. None the less, the political fault lines within Great Britain have widened since the days when its inhabitants might have found some sense of unity by having a shared enemy (the Germans) and a shared enterprise scheme (the Empire).

Welsh nationalism has not been quelled by the bilingual signs for Beics and Tacsis that do so much to help all those non-Anglophone folk in Cardiff who are stumped by English spelling. Despite retaining distinctive and separate religious, legal educational, sporting, and fiscal institutions, a separate media and civil service, and such access to the corridors of British power that Scots accents can be beard in those corridors with the frequency that they are now heard on voice-overs in ads, Scots have not been appeased. Quite the opposite. The SNP which possessed just 2,000 members in 1945, and boasted 80,000 members and II MPs at its supposed peak 30 years later, has, amazingly, now leapfrogged the Labour party north of the Border. This could be a glitch, helped by Labour's complacency and scandals dogging the party in Glasgow and its hinterland, but in fact the opinion polls now put the SNP 14 points ahead of Labour - one hell of a glitch, and a lead that will take some overtaking before Scot-

land's first parliamentary elections next May. The realistic prospect of Scottish independence has been met with various reactions south of the Border - from a disgruntled "well, bugger off then", to a pained "what did we do wrong?" - but I would argue that a constitutional makeover is necessary for the political and cul-tural health of England as well as its three small neighbours. Of course, it is right to examine any expression of nationalism with care, if not suspicion. With its record for most of this century, when nationalism has inspired flag-waving, guntoting supremacism, it has been easy to see why President Mitterrand could state, "Nationalism I have argued the nationalist cause with English friends, I have been treated to the kind of expressions normally displayed to huntsmen or Afrikaners nostalgic for apartheid.

But, as has been proved by the emergence of new nation states after the break-up of the Soviet Union, there need not be a connection between nationalism and Fascistic violence. That link can still exist, as we have seen in much of the catastrophic tribalism in the Balkans, but there is a fundamental difference between mature, dignified self-assertion and puerile, demonising aggression, between the SNP and the BNP So much so that the vision which drives the SNP - of a regained national integrity - is badly required in England itself, which suffers such a crisis of iden-

are an 18-stone skinhead with tattoos on your teeth. More reassurance can be found in the nature of the changes envisaged by contemporary nationalism, because these changes are not primarily financial. The SNP and Plaid Cymruhave not only survived but prospered in an age of European Union, conglomerates and global money markets, because those pan-national forces mean that the politics of independence have become far less concerned with money and far more to do with the abstract nouns that motivate nationalists in the first place.

Thus, two decades after vigorously campaigning with the promise/threat to bold on to the North Sea's petrodollars, the SNP produces budget forecasts to reassure the electorate that financially things will be more or less the same.

So what would you notice in a de-Unionised country? The changes wouldn't be the ones I used to daydream about - Border guards just north of Berwick, the M8 being renamed the N1 and the bureaux de change at Glasgow Airport busily handing over bawbees and poonds. Rather, a de-Unionised set of separate but closely related countries would far better reflect bow these countries feel about themselves and each other. Politically, Wales could finally make up its mind whether to go it alone, Scotland would have the chance to govern itself with the radicalism Scots make so much of, and England would have a parliament free of the job lot of Scottisb MPs. whose one requirement for election is that they wear a red rosette. Culturally, England could dispense with its England/Britain confusion and update its crazy self-image, and Scotland could at - that is war", and why Einstein compared nat- last afford to phase out the Anglophobia that Edinburgh does point to a couple of truths which ionalism to "an infantile sickness - the measles reached its nadir in the ludicrous Brancheart, some Welsb and Scottish separatists try hard to of the buman race". This also explains why, when a film that confidently portrayed the English as a race of sadistic, arrogant, posh pools.

In fact, it is a tribute to the English tradition of tolerance (as well as the English tradition of failing to pay attention to the way others see them) that the present state of affairs has, with the tragic exception of Northern Ireland, managed to survive the angiophobia throughout the Cellic fringe with no more than occasional arson attacks on holiday cottages in Wales and irate letters to The Scotsman about the continuing outrage presented by the current queen being titled Elizabeth II. But the blessed lack of paramilitary activity north and west of the borders is no reason to assume that the Union can. or should continue. Despite what those charmers in their orange sashes and bowler hats like hity and confidence that the flag of St George is to think, there is really no such thing as "Britishnot one to rally around - unless, of course, you ness", and no point in continuing the pretence.

# **BRITANNIA TOMORROW**

RACIST BRITANNIA

Brian Cathcart on the need to oun up to prejudice Sanjiv Bhattacharya on an eccentric display of nostalgia for British heritage

Michael Winner will answer readers' questions next week

# Nursery food for the Empire

MACARONI CHEESE combines the verbal swagger of period imported Italian (and we know "macaroni" meant, roughly, 'ponce" in the 18th-century Vauxhall Gardens world), with the compressed, rubbery, utilitarian sound of the most English word imaginable: cheese.

Dignified economy - cheeseparing - is a lost British art. entirely inconceivable to anyone under 40. It had a glorious language, equally lost. My two treasured examples were the Third Programme format "there now follows a short recital on gramophone records" intoned in that posh undertaker's National Emergency voice, school of Alvar Lidell; and Faber papercovered editions.

Macaroni cheese is firmly anchored in this world for me. though I never for one moment thought of it as cheese-paring - "a light supper"; at the time, I loved it. I still love it.

It wasn't called "pasta" then, either. I knew macaroni had a familiar relationship with spagnetti, but that was about it. Macaroni was simply a component of macaroni cheese and had no other life, and it a lit's tempting to think of it as couldn't have seemed more a kind of British Empire nursone liked it, including old domestic. It never occurred to me that it had remotely exotic eggs and soldiers, rice pudding origins. It seemed as British as, or tapioca; and so, in a way, it say, curry or mango chutney.

ABSOLUTELY BRITANNIA

Macaroni Cheese by Peter York

vegetarian child, to the extent all, who else would think of of consistently over-estimat- preparing pasta in quite that ing their numbers and cooking too much for them, which meant other, carnivorous children could have lovely things like those 19th-century anglicised macaroni cheese and a delicious compound

called potato cheese as seconds. I had thirds if I could. The hit you got from that combination of farinaceous cylinders and

baked yellow fat, with a lot of salt and pepper, was utterly wonderful. I never liked sweeta and

chocolates much, and would have forgone puddings any day for what botels and British Rail called a savoury - musbrooms on toast or Welsh rabbit - but macaroni cheese was my absolute favourite.

ery food, along with boiled was. A modestly priced. respected the rights of the clearly safe for children. After

way, using milk and mousetrap cheese rather than cream and Parmesan? The history of versions of world food is a fascinating one. But the partic-

ular joy of macaroni cheese lay in its complete and compound form, mercifully free of vegetables. In this sense it was like

any kind of rice mess - curry, risotto, etc - that was thoroughly mixed up and ready for one handed fork or spoon eating. It is ideally suited to a tray, a much better TV dinner than the travesties of "roast beef and two veg" you used to get with the first generation of freezer food.

people. It wasn't a generation gap issue like, say, proto-burgers (Wimpy!) I imagine it was a staple of "twilight homes" I went to a school that uncomplicated recipe by Anon, catering, but that didn't strike

But any more of this poor man's Alan Bennett line of thought, and we'll be on to the subject of Dame Thora Hird. Macaroni cheese doesn't need nostalgic argument, it continues to deliver where semolina absolutely can't (nor Vesta curries - a wonderful period detail. hut who could actually eat the things now?) I even think macaroni cheese was a sort of precursor to fast food - its bid on cheesiness had appeals which set me up for pizza and a whole raft of strong, cheap American

Now, I don't need to get remotely wistful about macaroni cheese. I can have it whenever I want, microwaveable from Findus. 99p for 465 calories. While the tinned version was unthinkable - mushymacaroni in pale, slimy sauce better suited to Ambrosia vice pudding - chilling and freezing both deliver something uncannily better than real.

I fear, however, that this wonderfully banal staple is: going to be reworked in more sophisticated ways. Cleverer cheeses, bits of interesting vegetable matter and " speckling of classy meats will justify it as a 26.50 starter on air

I'm all in favour of value added in principle, but I don't want to see foreign words such: as "with" near macaroni

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# Superbad

He's the Godfather of Soul. The man who invented funk. The most sampled artist alive. And he's back and proud. By Phil Johnson

"FELLAS". HE says, "I'm ready to get up and do my thing. I want to get into it, man, y'know? Like a, like a sex machine, man. Moving, doing it. know? Can I count it off? One, two. three, four!" Then the rhythm begins, the elasticated metre rebounding again and again. as in that game where you hit the tennis ball on a rubber string and it keeps coming back, the angle of each swing slightly different to the one before. The sound is both tight and loose at the same time, and once wound up and set in motion, the groove compels your body to jerk oluntarily in time with the beat. is isn't music in the usual sense. dere, normal time doeso't count anymore. And although the recording actually lasts for exactly 5 minutes and 16 seconds, it never really ends: the swing-ball rhythm has been internalised, to rebound in your mind and body forever after.

Tonight and tomorrow night. James Brown, now 65 (or 70. depending upon which version of the sources. Brown swiftly became the legend you subscribe to). plays two shows at London's Barbican as part of the year-long "Inventing America" season. The tag is a fitting one, because Brown really is one of the great inventors.

Back in the mid-Fifties, he helped create soul out of the raw materials of gospel and rhythm and blues; in the Sixties he was responsible for the creation of funk, although credit ought to he shared with his back-room boys, such as Bobby Byrd, Bootsy Collins, Fred Wesley and other members of his band, who tinkered creatively with the new funk machine for little or no reward.

You can also make a case for

decade has begun to replace rock as the dominant force in contemporary pop culture. The roots of the British dance music scene lie largely in the "Rare Groove" movement of the early to mid Eighties, and Rare Groove is largely comprised of old James Brown, and James Brown-derived,

In due course, the more creative DJs like Coldcut began to make their own records, juxtaposing found fragments from old James Brown tracks with sundry other

The sound is both tight and loose, and once wound up and set in motion, the groove compels your body to jerk involuntarily

most sampled artist in the world, his drum patterns, horn-stahs and vocal interjections cut up and recycled over and over again, to the point where his own records became almost unlistenable.

The sampling years also coincided with Brown himself going off the rails, in a series of criminal episodes involving the principal icons of American culture; cars, drugs and guns.

In September 1988, Brown hurst into an insurance seminar taking place next door to his office in Augusta, Georgia, brandishing a shotgun and a pistol and complaining that someone had used his private hathroom. The police were called Brown being the original inventor and an OJ-style chase ensued, with of the genre that we now call dance Brown's truck allegedly attempting music, the form that during the past to run over two policemen before

crashing a road-block on the stateline. Marksmen shot the truck's tyres but Brown still managed another six miles on the rims. As the police arrested him, he was said to have sung "Georgia" and done the "Good Foot" dance.

Released on hail, Brown was rearrested 24 bours later for driving . under the influence of PCP Refusing to plead guilty and cop ninety days, he was sentenced to six years in jail, a tough rap for someone who had once been courted by Presidents. He served two and a half vears. On his release in 1991, the Internal Revenue Service filed suit claiming he owed US11 million in back taxes. Problems with the law have continued ever since, and Brown comes to London straight from another forced spell of "rehab" for further offences.

The James Brown story has all the qualities of legend, Indeed, much of it may be more legendary than true, Born on May 3, 1933 (although even this is disputed, some sources claiming it is 1928) in a shack outside Barnwell, South Carthe North when he was four. When he was six, Brown's father left too, and he moved to Augusta, Georgia in the care of his Aunt Minnie. where they lived in a roominghouse that also served as a tavern and a brothel. Although be learned to play the harmonica, the organ, and, as a boy scout, the hugle, Brown's real interest was sport. However, when he was eleven years old, he won his first talent contest as a singer, and began singing in local bands.

He also hecame a juvenile delinquent with a taste for stealing cars, spending most of his later teens in reform school in Georgia, where he

formed a gospel quartet. On his release he met Bobby Byrd at a baseball game, and his musical career proper hegan as a singer with Byrd's band the Avons. By 1954, the band had become the Flames and moved to Macon. After the band's demo recording of "Please, Please, Please" was heard by a talent scout, the by-now Famous Flames were signed to King Records of Cincin-nati. Released as a single in 1956, the record was a slow-burning hit, eventually selling a million.

The rest reads like a core history of hlack American music for the next 20 years. If "Please. Please. Please" helped to usher in soul, by 1965, with "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag", and "I Got You I Feel Good)", Brown was already inventing the prototypes of funk. In 1970, immediately following a live show in Nashville, he recorded "Get Up (I Feel Like Being A) Sex Machine", typically re-cycling elements of a previous tune, "Give It

Up Or Turn It Loose". How James Brown will sound nearly 30 years on from "Sex olina, he was hrought up hy his fa-ther after his mother left bome for but he can usually be relied on to put Machine" is difficult to anticipate, oo a show: the rooming list faxed to the Barbican requests accommodation for 14 musicians, 6 female vocalists, 4 dancers, and an 'Emcee'. But bowever be sounds, when those heavily-padded imees hit the floor for the millionth time, the droplets of hrilliantined sweat cascade down the mighty slopes of his pompadoured peak, and the cadaverous man with the cape comes on stage once again to beg his boss to call it a day at least you'll be able to say that you've seen James Brown.

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A sea-change into something rich and strange

A Cuban theatre company has come to Shakespeare's Globe to do The Tempest, starring Hamlet, Shylock, Othello and Macbeth... By Judith Palmer

PROSPERO COULD not have done it 1986, setting up in an old church. jacked as thoroughly as Prospero's better himself. Five minutes before a dress rehearsal of Otro Tempestod (Another Tempest), a lightning fork rips through the sweltering sky ahove Shakespeare's Globe, a great roll of thunder comes bellowing through the thatch and a shower of raindrops crashes into the pit.

Other touring companies might be fazed by the unpredictability of creating theatre Globe-style, hut for the Cuban group Teatro Buendia, this is husiness as usual. "In our theatre in Havana, the rain pours through the roof all the time," laughs

Buendia's director, Flora Lauten. A former beauty queen (to satisfy her mother's fantasies), Lauten was the last Miss Cuba before the revolution in 1958, forsaking the offers of riches in America to become a serious actor back home. As professor of drama at the Institute of Arts in Havana, she founded the award-winning Teatro Buendia in

"The lights are always going off in Cuba so our audiences regularly have to wait two or three hours in the dark until they go back on," Ms Lauten explains, "It's a sacrifice for them, so it's important for the aud-

iences to see we make sacrifices, too. They can see the hard physical training the actors have put into developing their bodies. Also, Cuba is a hot country, and these actors sweat a lot. Our audiences respect us for that." Playful wide-eyed and exhaust-

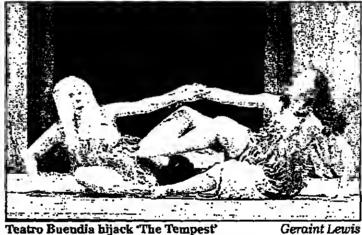
ingly acrohatic, Buendia are an intense experience. Running for a week as part of the annual international "Globe to Globe" season, they make a welcomely loopy diversion from the Globe's heritagetrail traditionalism.

The London weather may recognise Buendia's play as a version of The Tempest, but in truth, Shakespeare's final play has been hi-

dukedom. Leaf through the cast list and you will find a curious roll call: there is Prospero, the magician; his daughter, Miranda; the sprite, Ariel; and witch's son, Caliban: plus Ham-

let, Othello, Shylock and Macbeth.
"We thought all the most impor-tant themes of Shakespeare should be on that boat," explains Ms Lauten. "Macbeth is there as the symbol of treason and ambition, Shylock as avarice, and so forth. All of them are eager to go to this new world and leave their pasts behind, but everything they left keeps coming again and again full circle. These things are all aspects of the human soul and you cannot escape them.

"It's very difficult to construct a Utopia," she sighs. "It isn't easy to manage power." The links between Prospero's isle and Cuba are obvious - an isolated island, ruled by a dictator in the last days of his powers - but Otro Tempestad is no agit-



Teatro Buendia hijack 'The Tempest'

prop allegory. Prospero does not wear khaki or wave a cigar. Buendia's play is more about examining archetypal behaviour, in-

world orders, going back to the age of the conquistadors, and the Renaissance dreamings of Francis Bacon and Thomas More, Above all. vestigating the space where worlds it is a bewitching confection of collide, the confluence of old and new magic realism, of tricksy spirits

its intrigues and deceptions, somehow keeps faithful to the flavour of Shakespeare's original play.

The production draws on Cuba's Yoruban and Araran cultures, hrought to the Caribbean by African slaves, and now firmly melded to the island's Spanish Catholicism.

"Yoruban gods are not as strict as the Catholic God," says Ms Lauten. "They don't say all the time: This is right and this is wrong.' They are much more flexible and playful, so you never really know where you are. They are much more vulnerable too. If you've asked the gods for something and they don't do it. people punish them: they take their statues and turn them against the wall as if they were a little child."

Like the Brazilian practice of candomble in Bahia, the syncretistic religion of santeria in Cuba fuses Catholicism with the gods of Nigeria and the Congo to create dual-

and hizarre illusions which, for all personality saints. Santa Teresa, for example is also the malevolent goddess, Oya; Caridad del Cuhre the patron saint of Cuba) is also the sweet-natured goddess, Oshun. In Otra Tempestad, Ms Lauten

layers on yet another association as the shape-shifting santerian goddesses (or orishas) take on the forms of Shakespearean heroines. Oya, goddess of the cemetery, can turn herself into Lady Macbeth or Hamlet's mother, Oshun, shy rivergoddess of love and honey, becomes Desdemona and Ophelia. As the Western conquerors beach up on their Caribbean paradise, the magical blue-lipped orishas transform themselves into the fantasy females that the men have on their minds. ensnaring them in their everrecurring histories.

'Otra Tempestad' is at Shakespeare's Globe, Bonkside, London SE1 until 26 July (0171-401 9919)

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wears "purple, week-old mas-

cara and a broken tiara", who

wakes up on vodka, beds down

on Valium, and sleeps on the

floor", who's "beautifully wast-

ed... a living disaster". Of

course, this used to be Marc's

Back then, he was an ar-

chetype of the perennially-

messed-up drama queen

abandoned at the door of the

Pink Flamingo or some other

sordid haunt, face smudged

with mascara dislodged by ni-

agaras of tears. Some of this

was autobiography, but most

was actually consummate

method acting, and that's what

we get this evening.

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POP MARC ALMOND

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refresh his hlack lipstick. When LONDON Almond's played some uning moue. It's a fitting opener for an evening of vanity, oblikely venues in his time, but a residency at the Almeida fits him best. In these hallowed por-Marc Almond's customary tals be can refine his perforstock in trade - but this time mance every night like an actor. done with a grace we haven't and be properly theatrical. Almond's new album is He snakes onstage in black, called Open All Night and, back

pale as Banquo's ghost but more provocative, and looking nowhere near 41. "I'm gonna take you on a journey through my night," he

says, with a smile like Frankie Howerd's but lugubriously sincere as Valentine Dyalf. We start with a series of bed songs, from the woozy "Scarlet Bedroom", whose walls are dyed, you'd imagine, not with paint hut blood, to a poem ahout Mariene Dietrich's bed, where she lived out her last 10 years - "full of crisps and orange rind/ And who-knows-what else you'll find".

Trailing in the wake of Marc's narcissistic voyage, we travel to the backstreets of the Ramblas for the Catalan exotica of "Black Heart", peer inside the soul of a jaded gigolo in the hypnotic swamp blues, "The A version of this review ap-Flame", and hit some Kurt Weill com-pah-pah for the era

of "Mother Fist". There's a hit of the new album's trip-hop and voodoo as

well as its smoothy, Machi avellian "When Bad People Kiss" (oo shortage of oral gratification tonight). Almond interprets it all with cabaret flourish, twisting his arms like Kate Bush too mean feat when his fingers carry a hundredweight of silverware) and torchier than Edith Piaf, Scott Walker and Shirley Bassey all

rolled into one emoting bundle. His voice is resonant and worked-on - Jaques Brel via Julie London - and his band, particularly Rick May on douhie bass, execute cool rock and

hluesy jazz with equal aplomh. What pulls it all together, though, is a subtly humorous subtext, that tongue in cheek thing with which Mr Almond, with a loo-sided grin, sends up what might be overwrought so that it becomes oddly touching.

If he's arch and sometimes artificial, then that's what makes him human: a man who's taken his trauma (and Marc's had hucketloads) and transformed it into the sort of style Judy Garland would've died for.

GLYN BROWN

peared in later editions of yesterday's paper

### Set adrift on cloud nine

away from it all of winning the lottery, or of realising some lifelong ambition. But for artist Zoë Walker, the ultimate in escapism is to strap on ber own personal cloud, and attempt to float up into the sky. Walker's Dream Cloud is made of nylon, filled with helium and worn like a paracoute. And her efforts to take off from various sites around Scotland, which have all been photographed for the record, show her leaping enthusiastically from hill tops or racing downhill in an attempt to get the wind behind her.

MOST OF us dream of getting

The work of a mad woman or deluded creative, you may think, but Walker's attempts to achieve lift-off are purely symbotic. Her message is simple: you may know your dreams are impossible to achieve, but that is no reason for letting go of them and depriving yourself of the pleasure of a little fantasy.

"Dream Cloud," Walker explains, "is a piece I made in response to the skies in Orkney. When standing on an island looking out to a hlank horizon where all you can see is clouds, the clouds become the new unknown lands, the unreachable goal."

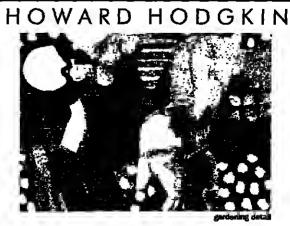
The Travelling Gallery, which was first set up 20 years ago, consists of a purposebuilt gallery space which is housed in a hus and takes a varied programme of contemperary art to communities

GALLERY WEEK er is unable to remain air-TRAVELLING GALLERY ORKNEY

throughout Scotland. This week, the gallery, which is currently acting as Walker's mobile base, visits Orkney. Workshops on offer include the chance to make your own "magic transporter" shoes or imaginary, paradise island. Insufficient belium means Walk

horne for more than a few seconds at a time, but she is not going to let a little thing like that stop ber flight of fancy, and the people of Scotland are encouraging her all the way.

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"BEING A musician decides a lot of what I wear; when I am in the studio recording I tend to change into more laid-back clothes, such as Adidas trainers and sportswear. Or if I am going to do a show with a young audience, like Top of the Pops, it's a "cleaner" look, hut it's still me.

I don't keep myself informed of fashion. I have my own style although I couldn't define it. I am not a brand name buyer, hut when you start getting into this business you get given clothes from designers. I like Paul Smith, not the crazier stuff, but the cut on the straighter style works on me. Now that I am on the road all the time I have a lot of these Levi's slacks that don't wrinkle. And I always take at least one suit with me, usually my Paul Smith, my most

expensive buy at around £400. Of course, I wouldn't wear anything I didn't want to wear, the vest and baseball cap I wore in the video wasn't something for everyday life.

I used to be more into baggy clothes, huying them a couple of sizes too hig, but I am now getting comfortable with my slim body. The shirts I wear are normally for warm weather. I have lots of shortsleeved shirts in a Cuban style from Hugo Boss. I also have a lot of Vans sneakers. My favourite item is my leather jacket, from a second-hand market. In the winter I wear turtle-neck sweaters. When the next album comes out I expect my look will change. I think you need to evolve in this

> INTERVIEW BY JENNIFER RODGER

#### HOT THING SEW-YOUR-OWN JEANS



WE thought we'd seen every conceivable version of the dark denim jean, until last week. Nestling between the young Britisb designers at London Men's Fashion Week was Japanese designer Shinichiro Arakawa and his collection of reinvented sportswear pieces. Among them was his own take on the Jean, ones you sew together yourself. There are two ways to huy them - flat packed (Ikea style) which must be cut and sewn, and the ready-made version - and two ways to wear them: inside out, or outside in. Instead of providing a paper pattern, the length of denim is covered with pattern guidelines. Once

made-up the jeans have a work-in-progress feel. The designer sells them all year round at his Paris shop. They are also available a sbop in Portobello market where they can be ordered over the phone The jeans come in one size, 12-14 for a woman and 32" waist for a man, but the leg is very

Sew-your-own jeans, £75 for the flat pack, £155 for ready made, available from 2 Tuff, 10 Portobello Green Arcade, 281 Portobello Road, London W10. Mnil order: 0181 964 4767. Shinichiro Arakawa, 1 Rue du Platre, 75004 Paris. Tel: 00 33 1 42 78 48 58.

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### HAUTE COUTURE

PARIS 1998

# Dreams are made of this



François Lesage is the haute couture embroiderer. Adored by designers, no request is too decadent.

AUTE couembroidery is non-existent," insists Karl Lagerfeld. and, in the Kaiser's opinion, there is no better embroiderer in the world than

He is the man Christian Lacroix refers to as his "godfather" and during Paris's haute couture week, rarely a collection goes by without Lesage's skills being on show. About the only couturier he does not work for is Alexander McQueen. "We had a misunderstanding about one dress," says Lesage ruefully. "So now, I'm punished!"

This year marks his 50th anniversary in the business. In that time, be has worked for everyone from Christian Dior and Yves Saint Laurent to Cristobal Balenciaga and Pierre Balmain. He also designed the CK logo for Calvin Klein and as a child, sat on Elsa Schiaparelli's knee and received a car-full of presents from Madeleine Vionnet

The walls of his small attic office are covered with letters of appreciation from contemporary designers. "I love Monsieur Lesage," declares Azzedine Alaia. "He is in a league of his own". "His genius resides in the way he mixes stones, metal and se-quins, asserts Lacroix. "He has also introduced new techniques, such as lasers, bolograms and oxidization without losing any of the refinement of luxurious elegance."

"He has a great knowledge of tradition and a wonderful savoir-faire," enthuses Jean-Paul Gaultier. "He is tastes and personality of each devery intelligent, always optimistic and simply hursting with creativity."

In his office are also numerous fashion sketches and photos of him posing with Lacroix, Saint Laurent, Lagerfeld, Paco Rabanne and Alaia. An easel stands by one wall with swatches of antique fahric on it and a richly embroidered bolero jacket hangs behind his imposing wooden

These slightly claustrophobic headquarters near the Paris Opera have been home to the bouse of Lesage since 1931 and the current owner is more than happy to regale you with details of its glorious past. He talks volubly, often heads off on impressively long tangents and peppers his answers with colourful

At 69, he maintains a quite remarkable vitality. He is the very image of a bon viveur and admits to having "a cult for women".

Lesage's father, Albert, entered the world of fashion after the First World War as manager-designer of women's made-to-order dressmaking for the Chicago-based department store, Marshall Field.

On his return to Paris in 1924, he bought out an embroiderer, Miclionet, who had worked for Chanel. Lanvin, Worth and Paquin.

He also met his future wife. Marie-Louise, there. She worked for designer Madeleine Vionnet and was responsible for checking that the embroidery was being executed by Michonet according to her employer's wishes

At the time Vionnet was the queen hee of French fashion. It was sbe who introduced the bias cut and over the next five years, Lesage produced over 1,500 pieces or embroi-

dery for her. In the Thirties, he also worked on Schiaparelli's legendary theme collections, based on music, the circus, the forest and astrology.

François was born in 1929 and claims to have never considered any other career options. "I was born on this heap of pearls," he jokes.

He created his first embroidery in 1946 while his parents were away on boliday. An important Italian client turned up demanding a dress inspired by Botticelli's The Birth at Venus. François was still a philosophy student at the time, but whipped up a flower design based on the bouquets in the painting.

The following year, he was sent off to Los Angeles to learn English. There, he met Lauren Bacall, Claudette Colbert and Gene Tierney, spent a weekend at Lana Turner's house at Palm Springs ("It was ber birthday and the cake was in the swimming pool") and was intro-duced to Tinsel Town's most renowned costume designers, including Jean-Louis, Edith Head and

Using his father's samples, he set up his own embroidery husiness in 1948 on Sunset Boulevard and produced dresses for Ava Gardner and Marlene Dietrich.

In 1949 his father died and he was called back to Paris to take over the family business. The early years were not easy, but he was helped by some expert advice from Madeleine

"She was very modest and bad this very deep voice," he remembers. She would say things like, 'What is important is not to please yourself hut to always take into account the signer." He remembers Schlaparelli as having "a very strong personality and extreme mood swings" and Jacques Fath as being

"very funny and amusing". Fath made the wedding dress for Lesage's sister and shocked her future mother-in-law by turning up to the fitting wearing nothing hut cycling shorts and a hat consisting of a hell attached to a spring.

For Fath, Lesage once made a dress which had asparagus fern enclosed between two layers of tulle. "Every hour, it had to be watered," he remembers. "It was a dress which only lasted for one

His most amusing creations, however, were for Schiaparelli. She once requested shells and the entire house ate mussels all winter. Other gown with a 20-metre train, for which the embroidery alone cost US\$1.6 million, and the coronation dress for an African empress, which took 11,000 hours of work.

In the mid-Seventies, he was asked to work on a collection by Calvin Klein. "It was completely crazy," he recalls. "He came to see me in July and everything had to be ready for September. His assistant would fly over on Concorde every two or three days to pick up the latest dresses. In the end, they only presented 10 per cent of them!"

While Lesage was in New York for the collection. Klein asked him to design his logo. Lesage whipped the famous CK design in the plane book to France and pocketed US\$100,000

for his trouble. run up against even more extraordinary figures. He has, for example,

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exceptional pieces have included a Examples of Lesage embroidery shown at the Dior show on Monday 50 tons of beads in stock ("We don't starting to fray. He immediately unhave to huy a pearl for the next hundred years") and every year, his em-

> them and one hundred million se-Lesage himself never picks up a needle ("I don't even know how to sew a button," he admits), but inwhich are comprised of between 100 and 200 samples. Each sample represents between 20 and 30 hours work. Each collection costs between

broideresses go through 300kg of

£80,000 and £120,000 to produce. Designers then either choose from his samples, (Lacroix has been known to use up to eight for one dress), or put in personal requests.

"Nothing ever shocks him," de-Talk about Lesage and you soon clares Gaultier. "I once wanted to look old." To achieve this, Lesage give the impression of an embroidered piece of clothing which was

derstood what I wanted, grabbed a embroidery."

The most unusual request came from Yves Saint Laurent. "He once rang me up and said, 'I would like a top which would give the effect of the sky of Paris being reflected in a mirstead designs two collections a year, ror and then hitting a crystal chan-

delier," recalls Lesage. John Galliano often pops round to consult the archives. "We have the higgest museum of embroidery in the world," says Lesage proudly. "There are 60,000 samples which date back to 1870, John rummages through the boxes and goes away with some Vionnet and some Poiret. Monsieur always insists that things often rubs dust onto the embroi-

derers or wets them with alcohol.

After the designers have placed their orders, Lesage's studios work hammer and smashed up his flat out to execute them in just three weeks before the shows.

Peter Macdiarmid

In 1989, he had 100 employees. Today, there are only 55 and the future seems rather unsure. Lesage admits that he nearly went out of husiness after the Gulf War and stresses he could not survive another similar crisis.

In an attempt to perpetuate the art of embroidery, he recently opened his own school and remains optimistic that haute couture will exist well into the 21st century.

"I think that we need exceptional things. Dreams are essential. If you stop someone from dreaming, he dies," he insists. "The only reason haute couture may come to an end is if craftsmen like us disappear"

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### HAUTE COUTURE

# The sublime to the ridiculous

The fur flew at the couture collections in Paris. Tamsin Blanchard reports. Photographs by Peter Macdiarmid



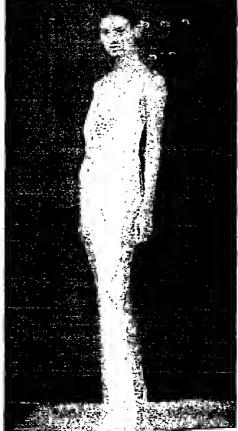
Jean Paul Gaultier



Josephus Thimister



Chanel





f I win the lottery this week, I will oot be clutching my winnings. They can keep their Persian lamb, seal skins, hird of paradise feathers, mink, and chinchilla.

They can keep their fancy dress costumes too. Wealth and good taste seem to lose each other somewhere along the way. If I was to speed upwards of £15,000 on a single outfit, I really would not want to look as though I had pinned my money to my dress.

In Paris this week, there are two schools of couture: the sublime and the ridiculous.

Leading the sublime team is Jean Paul Gaultier, a relative newcomer to the couture scene, and a designer who uses his atelier to develop his own ideas without having to coosider cost or quantity.

If he wants to make a one-off beaded pea coat, or a treoch coat that unbuttons to form a hustle and train on the back of a cheeky hustier, or an Aran sweater made completely out of tiny cream beads, he can do so

He revels in the joy of being able to create without restriction and the results, since he began his couture house two years ago, have been magical.

Wheo the British model Jade Parfitt told him she would not wear fur last season, Gaultier respected her wisbes. But it did oot stop him from using more furs and rare feathers than ever before.

In the past, he has beaded denim and made it precious. This time his knitted rhinestone jumpers and intricately beaded hras poking out from under a little black dress far outshone his fur linings and fox tail hems.

Before the show, Brigette Bardot, the animal rights campaigner rang the designer to ask about his use of fur. But he was undeterred, along with every other designer this week.

The Belgian modernist designer Josephus Thimister showed his second couture collection since leaving his post as chief designer at Balenciaga. His couture is pure and simple.

Much of the collection was made of calico, with the odd duchess satin lining and ridiculously luxurious 40-ply casbmere thrown in.

The usually strict rules set by the Federation de la Couture in Paris about who can and cannot show their collections during couture week have been relaxed for Thimister and there are those who question whether his work is truly couture.

His collection has not reached sublime quite yet. To make a collection using calico, the cut and tailoring must be superb. It is a hrave thing for a designer to do, but only a master like Yves Saint Laureot should attempt it in public. But there was something

quite charming and uncompromisingly modern about Thimister's collection. Both sublime and ridiculous

were Viktor & Rolf, the Dutch due of conceptual designers who hased their collection on the atomic bomb and a 1999 New Year's Eve party. There were shades of performance artist and Lucian Freud model, Leigh Bowery, as cocktail dresses, Pierrot pyjamas and tuxedo trouser suits were given the shape of an atomic mushroom cloud with the help of stuffing at the shoulders (in the form of balloons, Christmas decorations, and streamers).

If haute couture is to have a future other than as a marketing tool to sell fragrances (Viktor & Rolf have produced a fragrance without a smell selling in a limited edition) it is as an art form. The Dutch duo's conceptual couture would be perfectly at home in an art gallery.

The couture houses that have the most to lose, (the most perfumes, cosmetics, sunglass and handbag licences), showed the collections that were the most ridiculous. They simply get carried away and have lost sight of their few remaining customers. Instead, all they see is pound signs and opportunities for publicity stunts.

Most guilty are Dior and Givenchy and their showmen designers, John Galliano and Alexander McQueen Both are ridiculous.

immensely talented but their cutting techniques, their way rushing out to the cou-ture houses of Paris with fabric, their tailoring and their workmanship are drowned by the hysterical theatricals that accompany every collection and which are now looking tired and repetitive.

Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel however, provided a refined antidote to the overblown theatrics of Givenchy and Dior with a new silhouette that was either gently fitted and flared over the body or was based on loog and fluid shifts in luxurious satin crépe. Chanel is one of the few fashion houses that actually makes money from its couture clieots.

There was a time when Galliano was the romanticist and McQueeo the modernist. But this seasoo, their collections have become interchangeable. Both used the same historical references - traditional Native American costume, Holbein's paintings, the Renaissance, dandy highwaymen. It was as if they were both working on the costumes for the same historical drama. And both houses are firm friends with the French Fur Federation.

After the Givenchy show, which opeoed with a white dressage horse carrying Lady Godiva around the circular catwalk, the president of the Federation declared, "I'm very proud of what Alexander Mc-Queen did with fur."

And at Dior too, there were more furs than in a small farmyard. Galliano already launched his own label fur collection in New York last month and Mc-Queen will no doubt follow At both Valentino and Ver-

sace, there was more fur. And at Versace, there was more of the ridiculous in the form of evening dresses that I would defy even Liz Hurley or Emma Noble to brave. Most women spend their

lives trying to cover up and hide their bottoms. But Donatella Versace, in her first full houte couture collection since her brother's death almost a year ago, opted for skirts that were all front and oo back. If you want to do your own

Versace, just snip away the back panel of your favourite long skirt and wear it over a pair of white Lycra hotpants.

The Versace original has all the elegance and grace of a carpet tile. Other gems included hrillo pad tops made out of oxidised copper wire, more seals, and an evening gown decorated with a whole trail of army combat pockets for the coetortionist among the Versace clientele who can find her bus ticket in a series of pockets strategically placed on the small of her back.

But it is unfair to blame Donatella because by all accounts, her Danish apprentice, 25-yearold Jorgen Simonsen who has previously worked at both John Galliano and Givenchy, made a large contribution.

Even more ridiculous than some of the shows and the clothes themselves, however, are the sights you see along the

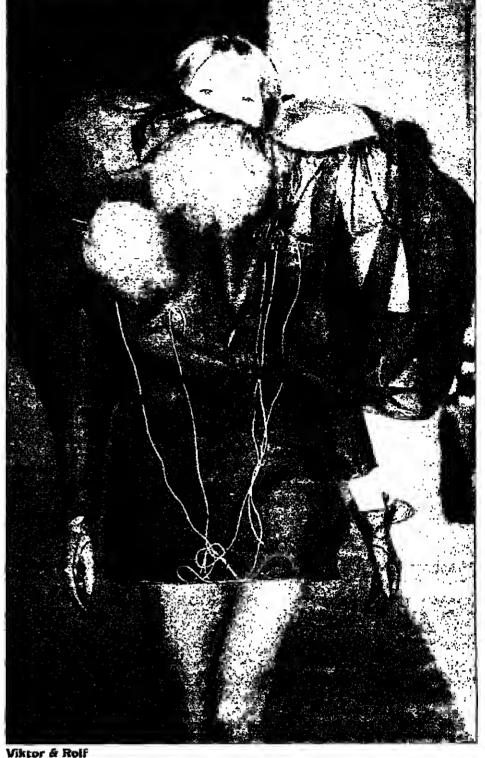
There is the woman who has had so many face lifts, she doesn't know who she is anymore; the hour and 20 minute wait for the Dior show to start because we had to wait for the Diorient Express steam locomotive to travel all of 50 yards into the Gare d'Austerlitz with a feather head-dressed Pocahootas look-alike hanging off the front; the belt hy Givenchy with five stuffed hudgerigars dangling from it.

Nothing can be more ridiculous, however, than the fact that the skins of half a dozen seals can walk past a couture audience on the back of an overheated model without even the batting of an eye.

Jade Parfitt might have made her stand, but any model who wants to stay working at the couture shows has little choice. Even Naomi Campbell, the supermodel who posed for PETA (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals) with the slogan "I'd rather go naked than wear fur" will merrily waltz along the catwalk in a pair of mink high-beeled shoes.

Fur has become as commonplace and as acceptable as any other luxury fabric, be it seal, Persian lamb, cashmere or silk. And that really is

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# Start your child on the financial merry-go-round



A building society is the first choice for many young savers and their parents, but there are plenty of other options

Shares, trusts, bonds or banks? Rachel Fixsen on at the best ways to put money aside for your children's future

AS SOON as you're officially grown up, a host of opportunities beckon Should you spread your wings and go backpacking around the world. buy a first car or put down roots with a deposit on a flat?

Many parents and grandparents anticipate this first phase of independence by putting money aside for their children, to provide them with a lump sum when they leave fore the child reaches 18 or 21, time school or university. The financial services industry offers specifically designed packages for this phase of life, but it is important to look at the financial gain rather than being posits or building society savings distracted by an attractive marketing angle.

People tend to like products that are labelled for a particular purpose while the same sum invested in the but I'm much more in favour of top 100 UK shares would have nenc bhancal Christine Ross of independent financial advisers Willis National. Invesco markets its Rupert Children's Fund unit trust to adults saving for children. But do the Rupert Bear gifts and regular birthday cards make up for the higher-than-average management charge?

In general, equity unit trusts or investment trusts can be a good choice for regular savings on behalf

of a young child. The performance they will be able to afford in the fu-of the underlying shares may fluctuate in the short-term, but since there could be at least ten years beshould iron out the troughs and peaks.

Shares have produced far higher returns in the past than bank deaccounts. Over the 10 years, £1,000 in an average building society account would have grown to £1,802.04 swelled to £3 or dividends.

Endowment policies are less suitable. The investment would pay tax at an average rate of 20 to 25 per cent within the product, although the child may not be liable to tax on investments when he or

she receives the proceeds. "Endowments are great if they go to maturity, but how many people can really predict how much

parents may later find themselves trying to be fair to more grandchildren than they had originally anticipated. With a unit trust savings plan you can alter the amount you

A protected unit trust such as AIB Govett's UK Equity Safeguard fund or Close UK Escalator 95 fund would be suitable, says Andrew Swallow of Inswich-based Swallow Financial Planning. These have certain safeguards built in to protect the investment from the worst ravages of a stock market crash.

Unit trusts cannot usually be held by those under the age of 18. An adult would have to open the account in his or her name with the child's initials attached, and act as nominee carrying out the buying and selling of units until the child was old enough to take over

From April 1999, non-taxpayers will no longer be able to reclaim tax

on dividends. The outcry over this change has come from groups representing pensioners, but this will also affect children's investments.

Friendly societies offer baby bonds, which are similar to endowment policies, but provide taxfree growth. To keep the status tax-free, you are only allowed to invest a maximum of £270 a year or £25 a mooth. The maximum age limit is 16. But they tend to have high charges, which are levied at the start of the investment's life. This means if you had to cash the might get less back than you had

Children's Bonus Bonds from National Savings can be taken out for children under 16 up to a maximum of £1,000 per child, in units of £25. On the current issue J. compound interest is six per cent.

Children are entitled to their own personal tax allowance, which is £4,195 for 1998/99. However if a child earns more than £100 a year in income from money given by a parent, the rest is added to that parent's taxable income. The £100 limit is for each parent. But if a friend of grandparent sets up the investment, the income is regarded as the child's.

When parents invest or save for their children, they often allow for them to gain control of the funds at age 18 or 21. But is this too early? "Not all young people have the ex-perience to deal with larger sums of money at that age," says Christine Ross. If the sum is in a building society account in the child's name, then at age 18 that child has a right to it with or without the parents' consent.

But for larger sums, for example LOULUUU AND ADOVE, AN ACCU and Maintenance Trust could be set up. This costs a few hundred pounds, plus the cost of any professional trustees, although family friends can easily act as trustees. This type of trust enables adults to keep better control of the funds.

Willis National: 0171 488 8383; Swallow Financial Planning: 01473 252 156; National Savings: 0645 645000

# Look beyond the High Street

MR HICKS came in to see me a couple of weeks ago. He is in many ways a typical investor. In his mid-forties, he has acquired a modest sum of money which has been invested in a number of PEPs and some insurance products. Until his visit to our office, he had always used high street banks and building societies for his financial advice. His decision to come to us was triggered by a recent visit to such an establishment.

He had been into his local bank to try and find something out about the new ISA (Individual Savings Account), what the implications were for his existing PEPs and to review their performance. He said he was dealt with very courteously but thought the information provided was a bit thin on the ground.

Mr Hicks has six general PEPs, and still has his £6,000 allowance for this tax year. This is the chance to take out one final PEP

When Mr Hicks telephoned I asked him to bring in details of his existing PEPs and other financial arrangements. This way I could recommend a new one to fit in with those he already had and to review his existing PEPs in the hope of achieving better performance.

Mr Hicks was hesitant at first about going into his finances in detail. I said: "The more information we have on your circumstances the better advice we can give - and you never know: we may identify something which you had not considered but is actually quite important." Mr Hicks's investments are all with familiar high street names. Many clients feel comfortable with well-known names, but that does not mean their money is working as hard as it could be.

The performance of these types of PEPs and unit trusts has not always been good and there are many investment bouses which can offer better fund managers than the banks or building societies.

Mr Hicks said that he had never really thought about comparing the performance of his PEPs with those of others start. I produced a copy of some figures comparing unit trust performance, (produced by Micropal), and went through the statistics explaining how they worked. Some of his investments fell some way short of others within their respective sectors.

It is possible to transfer from one PEP provider to

#### THE FIXERS: TIM COCKERILL

Sticking to familiar names in the banking world does not always lead to the best returns

another without losing any tax benefits, although watch out for penalties charged for switching. We identified three of his six PEPs as being consistently poor performers and selected alternatives: Royal & Sun Alliance Equity Income, Framlington Extra Income and Jupiter Income

We then selected a new PEP for the current tax year - we opted for Newton Higher Income. We decided that given Mr Hicks's time horizon was at least five years, there was no problem in making the

nvestment now. The deadline for PEPs is at the end of this tax year and the market may be higher. It could . be lower - predicting the stock market on a short term basis is virtually impossible.

After reviewing his PEPs, I looked further at his circumstances. Mr Hicks is married with two children. His company pension scheme gives him life cover and his mortgage is protected in the event of his or his wife's death.

On the assumption that Mr Hicks was killed in an accident the mortgage would be paid off, and his pension would pay a lump sum of £45,000. This seems like a lot of money but given the two children are aged eight and 10, and his wife only has a part-time job, it would not be long before she faced financial problems.

Mr Hicks increased his and his wife's cover by more than three times. He took out term assurance of £150,000. This is the cheapest form of cover because it pays out only when a person dies within a pre-agreed time limit. Mr Hicks's cover will apply until the children are £55 per month through Zurich Life, the cheapest policy for his specific needs. Mr Hicks went away with a better quality portfolio of PEPs and his family's future more secure than it had ever been.

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# The smart money is on clear English

THE DRIVE to deliver understandable financial literature, free of misleading gobbledegook, continues - hut at a snail's pace.

The Money Management Council, a body funded by the financial industry itself, re-cently presented the first three of its "Quality Marks" for excellence of information in

financial services literature. The MMC launched its initiative last November. Marie Jennings, the Council's chairman and founder, then commented: "There is no doubt that much financial services literature is confusing, if not frightening. We intend to overcome this with our new Qual-

ity Mark scheme." So far the MMC's efforts are only a partial solution to what is a widespread problem. For now at least, the scheme applies only to generic literature as opposed to marketing material. In other words, a booklet explaining unit trusts will qualify for the Quality Mark, but a brochure promoting a particular range of

unit trusts will not. The material that is submitted is vetted by a committee of six people. No charge is made for the service, which has been financed by an £80,000 donation from eight financial services companies.

A Quality Mark has been awarded to the Association of Unit Trusts and Investments Funds (Autif) for its booklet Financial leaflets and guides that you can understand are winning special awards. By John Andrew

The Handbook, which is a simple five-step guide to saving and investment in both unit trusts and invest-

The British Bankers Association (BBA) won a mark for its leaflet Dormant Bank Accounts, which explains everything from why such accounts exist, to how to

publications which were submitted failed to receive

It was not the standard of the copy that met with disapproval - though the committee was surprised to receive one out-of-date item to be considered for the Quality Mark - but the fact that the items were commercial in

There is no doubt that much financial services literature is confusing

reclaim money. Finally, the Money Advice Service of Bristol City Council Housing Services was awarded a mark for its booklet How To Deal With Your Debts.

Only the Autif's handbook deals with financial services. Published in January, the booklet passed through the vetting committee without amendment Both the BBA leaflet and the Bristol booklet also received the award with-

out the need for alteration. The vetting process took several weeks, which is longer than the 10 days the MMC originally proposed. Some six

nature, as opposed to generic. Presenting the awards, John Hosker, chairman of the committee, said: "The general standard of publications submitted to us is encourag-

ingly high." He feels that the financial services industry is making strenuous efforts to improve the quality of consumer information.

Yet the number of those applying to have their copy vetted by the MMC, as compared to the reams of material published by financial services companies every week, suggests few of them can be bothered to submit to an independent verification of their readability.

The MMC's efforts come as the Government limbers up to launch its replacement for tax-free Peos, the Individual Savings Account, which may come complete with a benchmark".

There is no denying that although the standard of financial literature has been improving in recent years, some promotional matter does fall below an acceptable standard. Nevertheless, there is one

aspect which has not received the attention in the current debate: the way in which promotional material is created. Most is written by advertising agencies which have no knowledge of the products.

Having been briefed by the product provider, their copywriters produce a text which is normally technically inac-curate. This is corrected by the product providers and the result can be a hotchpotch which, while meeting the regulatory requirements, can have lost its direction.

Possibly the way forward is for the new regulator, the Financial Services Authority, to run compulsory courses for those who prepare promotional material. Tackling the problem at its root would really enhance the quality of the information given to consumers. However, quality marking is certainly a start. lower at 8.2 per cent.

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COVENTRY BUILDING Society is increasing rates by 0.25 per cent for its mortgage borrowers, taking the cost of a variable rate loan to 8.95 per cent. But the society says its Privilege Rate, available to all home purchasers after they have been with the building society for five years or more, will be 0.75 per cent

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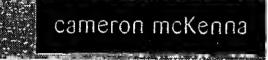
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# Paper lifeboat that can save millions

Secretary of State for Education, control-which exposes potential in-Shirley Williams, approved plans for a new British Library, the scheme had a projected cost of £74m and was due to be completed by the end of the following decade. By the time it was finally opened by the Queen at the end of last month, more than £500m of government money had been lavished on it - and its management was complaining that it did not have enough money to operate effectively.

How had things gone so far awry? According to the Institute of Actuaries and the Institution of Civil Engineers, the answer is a simple lack of planning. At each stage of the development, it seems, costs and the expected timescale went up. For example, four years after construction began in 1982, the Conservative administration found that the Public Services Agency had underestimated the costs to such an extent that it increased the provision for inflation from £6.3m to £31.6m, while in 1990 it admitted that what had been expected to cost £116m would in fact cost £300m and open three years later than planned.

But, though it provides one of the most graphic examples of out-of-control projects, the British Library is not alone. Britain is littered with large capital projects - notably, the London Underground's Jubilee Line Extension and the Channel Tunnel that cost more and/or took longer than expected to complete.

Which is why the Institute of Actuaries and the Institution of Civil Engineers have got together. At the heart of the Risk Analysis and Management of Projects (Ramp) method that they launched earlier this month is "a comprehensive framework within which all kinds of risks and uncertainty can be systematically identified, evaluated, reduced and controlled." Crucially, it sets out to deal with risks throughout the history of a project, including operation and eventual close down, as well as

planning and construction. The two organisations also point out that the method has applications in 1995 would not have happened if managers in the UK had conducted and acted upon a proper risk analysis of the running of their Singapore derivative trading operation, they say. And they add that the proposed to one cause or another is 28 per cent

vestors to many as yet unknown risks – "would undoubtedly benefit from a Ramp analysis being included in the prospectus".

The approach was born at a conference of actuaries a few years ago, at which Professor Tony Ridley, a past president of the Institution of Civil Engineers, suggested that the two professions work together to come up with a better method of managing large projects. Profes-sor Ridley, who became a member of the working party that produced the Ramp Handbook, said: "The significance of this initiative is that it brings together both engineering and financial expertise in a joint approach to risk." In fact, Prof Ridley and his colleagues on the working

'Ramp' cuts risks by combining the expertise of engineers and actuaries

party say that it is precisely because government departments and businesses alike take an inadequate approach to risk that so many problems arise.

They claim that their methodology is potentially so valuable because it enables managers to understand and place a financial value on the risks in just about every investment project. To illustrate how it works, they set out a hypothetical example of a proposal to huild an underground railway where one of the risks identified in a Ramp brainstorming session is a delay in tun-nelling that would cost £10m. The project managers would then analyse this to identify two possible causes of such a delay and estimate the chances of each occurring.

Consequently, unforeseen geobeyond the planning of capital and man-made obstructions might works. The collapse of Barings Bank have a 20 per cent chance of occurrence (or 80 per cent chance of nonoccurrence). Accordingly, the chance of neither of them happening is 90 per cent x 80 per cent = 72

TWENTY YEARS ago, when the then privatisation of Britain's air traffic and the "expected" cost is 28 per cent of £10m. or £2.8m.

> The project managers could then consider investing in a £2m preliminary site survey to avoid the obstacles, and with them a risk worth £2.8m that might cost £10m.

> However, as Chris Lewin, the Institute of Actuaries representative who chaired the working party, acknowledges, it is one thing to establish a means of assessing risk and another for managers - whether in government or in husiness - to take notice. In the case of government departments, which have a poor record of hringing in projects to budget. there has been, he says, an "implicit feeling" that costs will be met.

The setting up of the Private Finance Initiative – under which much of the risk of public-sector projects such as road and hospital building is supposed to be taken up by private companies – is an attempt to deal with this. But, as the Barings Bank episode has suggested, this does not necessarily mean that the

issue will go away.

Mr Lewin says there is a lot of complacency, with what is happening often not properly investigated. For example, those associated with the building of the Titanic apparently did not allow for the possibility of it striking something and so did not make adequate provision for

Alternatively, managers think that by setting high rates of return for investments they take the risk out. of the situation. Not only does this not really deal with the problem, it also creates a situation whereby as a Confederation of British Industry survey published last week (13 July) demonstrates - companies either invest less than their counterparts elsewhere or, hy going for more speculative projects, make poor investment decisions. With uncertainty about whether

the Millennium Dome will open in time, just one of many such issues for managers to consider, Mr Lewin logical conditions might create a 10 and his colleagues urge them to take per cent chance of occurrence (or 90 note of practice on the railways. per cent chance of non-occurrence) Every time there is a serious accident or incident an inquiry is carried out with the aim of finding out exactly what went wrong and thereby putting in place procedures that will reduce still further the risk of a similar occurrence. A key reason, per cent. So the potential delay due they say, why there are so few accidents in that industry.



The new British Library was going to cost just £74m. The final bill was more than £500m

#### IN BRIEF

NEARLY 90 per cent of UK finance directors believe that the future of Europe is crucial to the success of their business, says research by Reed Accountancy Personnel in association with Accountancy Age magazine. Only 8 per cent felt that UK business could stand on its own, while 6 per cent were neutral Most FDs felt that mainland Europe provided a large market of growing in importance owing to the imminent introduction of the single currency and the economic downturn in the Far East.

THREE OUT of four companies are opposed to government proposals for a local business rate above and beyond the uniform business rate, according to research by property consultants Fuller Peiser, and Nacore, the property occupiers' group. The plans are expected to be fundamental to the forthcoming White Paper on reforming local government. But Paul Danks, of Fuller Peiser, says companies are "deeply sceptical" about the value of an additional tax, fearing that it will lead to a considerable rise in husiness costs.

THE ASSOCIATION of Chartered Certified Accountants is calling for a detailed review of UK company law to explore and define the role of companies in society. The organisation, which has for several years sponsored annual environmental reporting awards, says in its response to the Department of Trade and Industry's Green Paper on company law that annual general meetings should be expanded to include reports on company performance in such areas as the environment, community issues, and equality of opportunity. Acca also says that any new law must give legal status to electronie communications, such as e-mail and video-conferencing, and take account of auditing services such as "Web trust assurance".

LEEDS BUSINESS School has teamed up with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Education and Training Centre to launch an MA in finance and accounting in the south of England. The course, itseems, has have worked well in ... the north of England and also overseas; it offers qualified accountants "a pragmatic fast track to a masters qualification".

KIDSONS IMPEY, the second-tier firm planning a merger with Moores Rowland, has appointed several new partners. The firm indicates that this strengthening of the partnership base is in response to the continuing strong business environment, but the new partners' expertise is largely in insolvency, forensic accounting and corporate recovery.

# Accountants take note: three in to one does go

CCOUNTANTS ARE not easily hocked, but the profession was aken by surprise last week. The proosed merger of the Association of hartered Certified Accountants Acca) with the Chartered Institute f Management Accountants (Cima) nd the Chartered Institute of Pubc Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa) ad been kept well and truly under raps, defying commentators who poke of the need for rationalisation f the institutes, but who believed that gos would prevent any further proosals coming forward for years.

The deal is by no means done as et. The first stumbling block may be ne hardest to overcome - approval y the members of all three bodies. cca has written to the 120,000 memers of the three institutes asking iem to give outline support to the lea within the next 10 weeks, before ne general councils get together to rash out the details.

Acca's actions have outraged ipfa and Cima, who say they were ware in general terms of Acca's proosal, but do not support it and were naware that their members were to e directly mailed over their heads. ipfa's David Adams described cca's behaviour as "irrelevant, ept, ingenuous, divisive and danerous". Cima says that the manner 'Acca's approach undermines trust.

But Acca is confident that where ie members of the Institute of Charred Accountants in England and ales have in the past been sniffy out combining with other institutes ey appear to think below them, the ree institutes proposed for mergon this occasion will all gain.

A new merger initiative had been the wind, for those with a good nse of smell. Last month, David

The proposed merger of the accountancy institutes seems the rational way forward,

despite opposition. By Paul Gosling

Cipfa, said that he would support a "merger of equals" if a proposal came forward. And Peter Layhe, incoming president of Cima, had once again spoken about the clear need for rationalisation of the six existing institutes. (Acca says it expects the two smaller bodies, the institutes of Scot-

Adams, the chief executive of the had discussions at a detailed level. The experience of previous initiatives has been of councils' working parties spending hours, days, weeks and months negotiating over detail, which is wheeled out to the members who then said no. We wished to do this differently, to get a sense of the memberships' views, before we hury



According to chief executive Anthea Rose (left), the same market pressures that have taken the Big 6 firms down to the Big 5 are driving Acca's proposal

land and Ireland, to now begin merg-

er discussions with the ICAEW). We have long thought some restructuring was the way forward," says Michael Foulds, president of Acca. "We believe this would deliver significant benefits for the memberships, for the public interest, and in dealing with government." He adds: "There is a resonance from the other

two institutes." This latest proposal is being made only in Acca's name, but has the cooperation of Cima and Cipfa, "We have had outline discussions with appropriate people in the other two bodies." explams Mr Foulds. "We haven't

ourselves in the detailed debate."

One factor that Acca is determined to emphasise is that this would be, in Mr Adams' words, "a merger of equals", not a takeover by Acca. The the role of strong advocate for rationew body would have a new name. and a new single qualification, though with alternative specialisms of audit, business and public sector. Mr Foulds says that while Acca - the second largest institute in the UK - is the biggest of the three, they are equal in standing. "We have all got fairly similar origins as professional bodies. "There can only be one reason for doing this, and that is to ensure

fluential set of arrangements for the benefit of the members.

The new body would be larger than the ICAEW and consideration of a further merger with it is off the agenda. "Our strong impression is that it will be very difficult to find terms that I think Acca, Cima and Cipfa would find agreeable with the other bodies," says Mr Foulds.

Acca says that the rationalisation of the Big 6 firms down to the Big 5, with possible further mergers, has not been a factor in Acca's proposal. But, adds Anthea Rose, Acca'a chief executive, it is the same pressures of the global market that are driving Acca's initiative as well as the firms' consolidation. An important element of any deal for Acca is that the new body would be the third largest in the world, strengthening the ability of it to support members worldwide.

Mr Foulds talks of it as a "fast track" towards merger. Assuming a positive response from the three memberships, amalgamation could be completed by the end of next year. There are, though, the three annual general meetings to win over as well, and approval to be obtained from the Privy Council, the guardian of the

chartered status of the institutes. Acca does not shrink from taking nalisation. Mr Foulds says: "There is a powerful case for what we are putting forward, and I would urge members of all three bodies to consider this seriously, to be supportive. If you take the individual strengths and make them collective strengths: the services members would get from their divisions; the influence of the body and its representational value to its members: then I think the that the members have a strong in-

### TMT – the explosive new excuse for men

A CHAIR comes flying over our heads and through the window, which, as it is closed at the time, smashes into tiny pieces. Luckily, Jane and I are far enough away to escape the flying glass, but this is a timely reminder of the reason why I don't usually hang around in City pubs on Friday nights: too many fights.
"Look," I say to Jane,

"there's even something about it in the Standard. 'Assaults in the Square Mile rose last year by 15 per cent.' Apparently it's being blamed on people having too much money." Jane laughs derisively at

this suggestion. "Nonsense," she replies,

"it's much simpler than that. The poor lambs are at the mercy of their hormones. It's just TMT." "What?" I say.

"TMT," Jane repeats carefully, as if talking to an idiot. Too Much Testosterone." I laugh, of course. Trust Jane to come up with a witty explanation that's entirely

plausible. "So," I say between chuckles, "does that mean it's 'that time of the month', then?" "It certainly is," Jane says. "They've just been paid. That huge wodge of money zapping into their hank accounts has given them a massive power rush, and now they feel like

demigods.\* Looking round the fake oak and stained-glass partition to the other end of the bar, I fail to see any demigods. What I do see is three flushed and flailing men in sharp suits being held



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back from each other by members of ataff and assorted bystanders. Every so often one of them will make a lunge for freedom, hurling abuse and punches at anyone nearby. Fortunately for all concerned, that wicked demon alcohol has been working its black magic. No sooner is the man free of . his captors than he's crumpling towards the floor. his balance and ability to atand

having given out altogether. "Will you stop gawping," Jane says crossly, mostly because she doesn't have her contact lenses in and can't really see what's going on. So I reluctantly turn back to the table and we try to carry on putting the world to rights over

vodka and tonic. Unfortunately, the fracas in the far corner is just as noisy as before; the legs may have given way, but the lungs haven't. I don't know about Jane, but I am finding the brawlers' slurred taunts of 'Come an' have a go if you think you're hard enough" pretty distracting, and that's

not the half of it For though it's impossible to

identify, through the slurring, most of what the lonts are saying, especially if it's in an Essex accent, those short. sharp swear words come through loud and clear. Especially the one beginning

"Let's get out of here," I say to Jane. "It's all right for you; no one swears in your office. But I get enough of this at work.

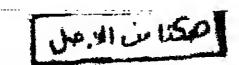
Jane agrees, and we're just gathering our possessions for a speedy departure, when the police arrive.

Well, we have to stay to see what happens, don't we? So we edge a little closer, mainly on account of Jane's shortsightedness, obviously, and have the thrill of watching three demigods turn before our eyes into contrite small boys as the handcuffs snap on. The police look bored by the whole business, as if they've seen too much of this kind of thing recently, so it is a rather subdued procession that heads out of the door towards the

flashing blue lights. "Well, that's over," I say, turning back towards Jane. But she has a strange expression on her face, sort of shocked, so I have to shake her a bit and say her name a few times before she snaps

out of it. "I'm sorry," she says shakily. "The third man, the one who was shouting the loudest. My cousin Jonty. Not from Essex

Which is fine, because that means it wasn't a brawl, just high spirits after all.



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# My boss: the man in the blond wig

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music; I think it's in my hlood. My father worked as a producer for Radio 2 and my very first job was people like to have a life away from also for the BBC, working in the popular music library. I also spent some time at HMV assisting the manager of the flagship store and looking after the visiting celebrities, including Bob Geldof, Tina Turner and Terence Trent D'Arby.

It was through my love of music that I came to work at Chrysalis radio statioo in London. We put a lot back in 1991, so it was ironic that of late nights into drawing up the company they sold off their sbare in Chrysalis records.

After three years PAing for the to work for a hlue chip company in the City, with the aim of furthering I went back to Chrysalis.

Richard was charming but scary.

he doesn't fit the stereotype at all; he is out-going, and appreciates that work. He spends a lot of time travelling, so I had my work cut out organising his itinerary, as well as the usual PA duties.

With several successful radio

stations already in the North and West of England, we decided to apply for a licence to run a music just a few months after I joined the application, and on the day that we were due to get the reply Richard and I emptied all the post bags in the mail room and searched for the assistant company secretary, I left letter on our hands and knees. I was the first to find it, but when I opened the letter I couldn't believe what I myself. But I just didn't fit in; so was seeing. I passed it to Richard when I was told that Richard Hunt- who went absolutely mad, hugging ingford - who was then corporate me, whooping and then opening a development director-needed a PA, bottle of champagne for an earlymorning celebration.

The next stage was to set up the and I was in awe of him, since it was station itself, and suddenly the staff my first proper high-level PA job. Al- numbers swelled from two to 20. It

I'VE ALWAYS been interested in though he trained as an accountant, was a manic time, and work changed a lot as DJs, producers and sound engineers began to join the company - hut I loved every minute of it. DJs tend to build up a special relationship with listeners, and it was exciting to come into contact with heroes of mine such as David Jensen and Jono and Kara from The Morning Crew.

All the people who came to work for us were creative and fun, and able to be themselves. I discovered that Richard is also quite funky himself, and enjoys the showbiz element to his joh. He likes wearing brightly coloured shirts and jazzy ties, and genuinely loves the music that we play. The launch of Heart 106.2 in London was the highest moment of

last party we had was a fancy dress Christmas bash where you had to party animals at heart. come dressed as a musical character. Richard's disguise was so



Mandy Black and her boss Richard Huntingford: 'He's quite funky, and enjoys the showbiz element to his job'

recognised him as the man dressed in a silver glam rock outfit, stack heels and a blond wig. I was dressed as the singing nun, comnlete with a blow-up air guitar and One of my favourite tasks is organising the office parties. The to the conclusion that we are both

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There was only one time when Richard and I got close to falling out good that I walked straight past and that was when I had my nose achieved our listener figures target to sing Barry Manilow's "Mandy" at can do anything.

him. But on closer inspection I pierced. He didn't say anything to he would get his ear pierced too. me, but I quickly silence them with INTERVIEW BY KATTE SAMPSON

me; he just gave me a very disap- Now that we've gone well beyond proving look. Eventually I asked whether he had a problem with my nose, while observing that I hadn't one piercing. noticed anything in the contract which prevented piercings. He sniffed, and grudgingly said

the right outfit. Funnily enough, a few months later I overheard him telling a colleague that if we casionally my colleagues have tried

our target I keep joking with him that he's due to have more than just

My boyfriend teases me quite a bit about my passion for Seventies and Eighties music. I want to listen that perhaps it might look OK with to the Bee Gees on Heart when he wants to listen to one of his endless Manic Street Preachers CDs. Oc-

the line: "Excuse me, but I am always Miss Black to you.

The most unusual thing I've ever done for Richard was to buy a pet iguana for his daughter's birthday. which involved spending months researching reptiles. My problem is that when I am asked if I can do something I will say "of course" before thinking about the implications, because I like to think that I.

### There are some jobs only a PhD is qualified to do...

YOUR USUAL temp - my flatmate - is on holiday. She's always complaining that she hasn't got any money, but she's got enough for a week in Lanzarote, so it can't be that had. Me, on the other band: I've got no chance of going anywhere this year. In fact, I'll be lucky to cover the rent at the end of the month.

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My name is Craig, by the way. If you read this column regularly you may have come across some pretty snide comments about me which caused some coldness between us... only we're both too skint to move, so we bad to "kiss and make up" in the end.

I wasn't sure what to write about, but she said "Just tell them about the worst joh you've ever had", picked up ber suitcase and left. That's a tall order, My

flatmate goes on about the employment market, but at least she's a girl and can type. I have a degree in philosophy from Bristol, but as far as the job market is concerned, I am unskilled labour. And since they took me off the jobseeker's allowance, I've had to seek whatever job I can find. I have done most of the

obvious ones. I've been a bike courier: £2.50 a package, whether it's Oxford Street to Tottenham Court Road or Edgware to Croydon; soaking wet, or choking on carbon monoxide. I gave that up when I

Camden High Street. I've been a post office sorter: paper cuts, bomb scares, a unionised staff who treated casuals like blacklegs. I've worked the warehouse at a department store, but couldn't take the stress: the other guys were walking out with televisions, microwaves, anything they could lay their hands on, and I was convinced that as the new one I'd be the first to get fingered.

I've been a runner on a building site, which meant mostly carrying beavy things up ladders in hailstorms. And despite all the safety regulations, I'd seriously advise you to cross the road whenever you find yourself approaching scaffolding. I've been a waiter in the

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restaurant down the road: they've got good reviews in the restaurant guides, but working there is a bit like making Teletubbies dolls for the Christmas market. He paid £20 a night, plus tips. Only, be said I should work two weeks without

because I had no experience. Then be extended it by another two. And then another. The staff walked out in week five when we worked out that he'd pulled the same scam on all of us and was keeping the entire pot for himself. They did roughly 800 covers a week at £30-plus a head; be must have made at least £12.000, cash in hand, in the time I was there.

But there is one job that stands head and shoulders above the others, and it's the one I'm doing now: bospital portering. My flatmate has worked on the paper side of the NHS, but have you ever thought about what porters do for a living? Here's a rundown of what I have been up to in the

floor in the geriatric ward 16 times after old-lady accidents. I've mopped the floor in maternity after unexpected water-breakages. I've mopped the floor seats and walls in casualty after someone dumped off a bike courier they'd run over at the Waterioo roundabout. I've swept up entire dustpanfuls of dried skin in dermatology (those psoriatics don't half flake), and entire bin-liners of old corns in chiropody. Tve wheeled

and silent corpses out. And then there's the biopsies. Last week, I was passing surgery when a nurse popped her head round the door, hailed me and handed me a covered

shrieking children into surgery

last few weeks. I've mopped the bucket. "Can you take this down to pathology?" she said. Pathology is in the basement;

down a corridor, through reception, into the lift, back up a corridor past the kitchens. The bucket contained something that slopped from one side to ... another like custard when you tipped it. Now, I'm normally quite tough: don't vomit at the sight of blood, can eat offal, that sort of thing, but this was freaking me out. I got to pathology, knocked on the door and the big boss came out a tiny little Sri Lankan woman, hands . like butterflies, cut-glass accent.
"Ah," she said, putting her

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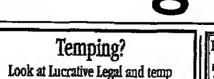
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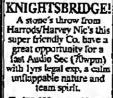
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### NEW FILMS

12 4 THIEF (15) nin ctor: Pavel Chukhrai

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> Starring: Misha Philipchuk, Vladimir Mashkov The Thief is a familiar story, told with competence. but it's only the passionate acting which makes the film special. In his investigation into the psyche of a six-year-old Russian boy in the aftermath of the Second World War, writer director Pavel hukhrai tries for that brand of unforced poetry nioneered by Louis Malle and by Tarkovksky.

Unfortunately, be doesn't quite pull it off.

Chukhrai does too much of the work for his audience; his film is most striking when it rests on intimation, such as when it is building the relationship between the child, Sanya (Misba Philipchuk), and his mother's lover, Tolyan (Vladimir Mashkov), who wears a soldier's uniform but carries a kit-bag bulging with looted crockery and cutlery. He's the film's thief, and the suggestion is that he has filched more than just other people's goblets: he's stolen the heart of Katya (Ekaterina Rednikova) and the innocence of her little boy, too. Chukhrai lets the story unfold until the final 15 minutes, when it seems to go disastrously wrong. He tries to tie up the loose ends, but some of us like to have them flapping around in the memory. CW: Renoir

GODZILLA (PG)

Director: Roland Emmerich Starring: Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno

New York is in turmoil. People are running through the streets screaming, and, though the police are desperately trying to restore calm, even they are wondering if the Big Apple will ever recover.

Yes, Tina Brown has left the building. Oh, and there's also a giant lizard rampaging through the streets, lunching on skyscrapers. But never mind all that: what dext for Tina?

The team of Roland Emmerich (director and cowriter) and Dean Devlin (producer and co-writer) are generally very adept at constructing enjoyable ... adventures with a B-movie taste for fun (Stargate and Independence Doyl, but their touch evades hem on Godzilla. The script tosses in characters and conflicts which aren't followed through, and

it doesn't take long for it all to descend from a nuclear-age parable to a numb, dumb succession of chases

It's hard to imagine who might get a kick out of Godzilla, except for New Yorkers who like to imagine their city starting again from scratch. CW: ABC Baker Street, ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Morble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage. Plaza. Rio Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road

THE LITTLE MERMAID (U) Animated Feature Director: John Musker and Ron Clements

Re-released for the summer holidays by Disney this film provides an odd, unexpected treat. Bright and breezy in style, even its songs are good. CW: Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

BARNEY'S GREAT ADVENTURE (U) Director: Steve Gomer

Starring: Barney the Dinosaur

Feature-length exploits for the big, jolly dinosaur whose blend of nursery rhymes, day-glo colours and moral lessons make him ideal for the pre-school viewer - but an endurance test for anyone else. CW: Hammersmith Vargin, UCI Whiteleys, Vargin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero

LIFE IS ALL YOU GET (18)

Director: Wolfgang Becker Starring: Jurgen Vogel, Ricky Tomlinson Beginning with a riot in Berlin and a man discovering be may be HIV-positive, this film really takes you by surprise. In this gritty and absurd film, the drama is never diminished by the humour. and the comedy has real poignancy. CW: ABC Swiss Centre. Clapham Picture House, Curzon Minema

Ryan Gilbey

### GENERAL RELEASE

CITY OF ANGELS (12)

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Nicolas Cage plays an angel deciding whether Mira Sorvino is a doctor who combats a virus or not to exchange his celestial immortality for domestic bliss with the mortal Meg Ryan in the American take on Wim Wenders's Wings of Desire. West End: ABC Baker St. ABC Tottenham Court Rd, Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch. Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End

DREAM WITH THE FISNES (18)

Take a suicidal loser and a junkie with a month to live and give them some time together before an inevitable tearful farewell. Perhaps it's the realisation that Dream with the Fishes could so easily bave been a nightmare that makes its success seem deserved. West End: Metro

GIRLS' NIGHT (15)

Tearjerker which stars Brenda Blethyn as a cancer-sufferer who jets off to Las Vegas for a last boliday with her sister in-law, played by Julie Walters. Initially bubbly, the film becomes grossly manipulative. CW: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End

THE GIRL WITH BRAINS IN NER FEET (151 Jaunty take on the rites of passage genre. The lively script is complemented by the sparkling performance of Joanna Ward as the film's beroine. West End: Rio Cinema

FRV 0171 293 250 GREASE (20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION) (PG) What fun there can be had from a second viewing of this 20 year old gostalgia film is mostly due to John Travolta's manic performance as the greased up hero. CW: Clapham Picture House. Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmith Virgin. Odeon Marble Arch. Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleus, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero

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A thoroughly dismal, witless British comedy which comes og like an Asian version of the Sixties classic, Alfie. CW: ABC Piccodilly, Virgin Trocadero

KISS OR KILL (181

Australian road movie come serial killer drama about a couple of scam merchants. Pretentious in some places, it still manages to be agreeably nasty in others. CW: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Odeon Camden Town

KURT & COURTNEY (15)

Compulsive documentary, directed by Nick SIX DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS (12) Broomfield, investigating the death of the Nirvana frontman, Kurt Cobain, and the conspiracy theories which emerged in the wake of the event. CW: Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the Green, Warner Village West End

THE LAST TIME I COMMITTED SUICIDE (15) A dip into the life of the Beat icoa Neal Cassady, played by Thomas Jane. There's lots of fast cutting and theatrical lighting, but the film just amounts to the same old Beat cliches. West End:

LOVE AND DEATH ON LONG ISLAND (15) Comedy, starring John Hurt and Jason Priestley, concerned with the relationship between art and life. Writer-director Richard Kwietniowski takes great care in tracing the areas where ing Trouble Filling they overlap, CW: Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Clapham Picture House, Gate Notting Hill, Metro, Renoir, Richmond Filmhouse, Rio Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, Screen on the Hill, Virgin Haymarket

MAD CITY (15)

Dustin Hoffman plays a reporter caught in a The state of the s hostage situation in a museum, where a disgruntled ex-employee, played by John Travolta, has produced a gum in an attempt to get his job back. The film becomes a series of reflex attacks on the moral bankruptcy of television and, by edension, the late 20th century. CW: ABC Baker Street, Elephani & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Fulham Road, Ziri in Ziri Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

MIMIC (15)

that's sweeping New York by developing a rival cockroach species in this ingenious sciencefiction borror fable. CW: Elephant & Castle Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Marble Arch, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

Set in a mythologised 1950s Sobo inhabited by petty gangsters, Mojo never entirely escapes its theatrical roots. But it concentrates on sexual tension in a way which American crime movies generally sby away from. CW: Plazo, Warner Village West End

THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION (15) Romantic comedy in which Paul Rudd

confounds his flatmate Jennifer Aniston's dreams of weddings and joint burial plots by turning out to be gay. CW: ABC Tottenham Court Road. Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Phoenix Cinema. Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea

PALMETTO (15)

Ironic film noir. Harry Barber (Woody Harrelson) is the ex-con who gets mixed up with a pair of duplicitous women. CW: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

PONETTE (151

Freach tale of a four-year-old girl (Victoire Thivisol) whose mother dies in a car accident. The young Thivisol is superb, yet it's hard to deny discomfort at watching one so young parade emotion this raw and primal. CW: Curzon Mayfair,

SAVIOR (18

Politically inept war film set in Bosnia. Dennis Quaid stars as a man who loses his family in a Paris bomb blast and avenges their deaths by gunning down a row of Muslims at prayer before becoming a hired killer. West End: Virgin Hay-

SLING BLADE (15)

Intelligent and unsettling drama starring writer-director Billy Bob Thornton as a mentally disabled man who is released into the outside world after spending his life in an institution. CW: Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket

Implausably contrived romantic comedy in which Harrison Ford plays a boozy pilot who crash-lands with a New York magazine editor (Anne Heche) on a remote island, CW: Barbican Screen, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea

STIFF UPPER LIPS (15)

Spoof of the Merchant/Ivory movies from one of the talents responsible for Leon the Pig Farmer. West End: Plaza, Virgin Chelsea

THE TASTE OF CHERRY (PG) Joint winner of last year's Palme d'Or and a hypnotic and moving experience. West End: Renoir

Paul Schrader's adaptation of Elmore Leonard's novel turns a breezy satire into a rather heavyhanded investigation into religious conviction. CW: Plaza

THE WAR AT NOME (15)

Tale of a traumatised Vietnam veteran on his return home to Texas adapted from James Duff's Broadway play, Homefront. CW: Plaza

THE WEDDING SINGER (12)

See The Independent Recommends above. CW: ABC Totienham Court Road, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Haymarket, Odeon Kensington, Phoenix Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Warner Village West End

THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

Film John Wrathall THE FIRST vehicle for Saturday Night Live veteran Adam Sandler to make much of an impression in the UK (where it has just passed the \$10 million barrier). The Wedding Singer (left) reveals an unexpected talent for romantic cornedy in a comedian previously known for knuckle-headed slapstick. Not that there's anything that sophisticated about his paean to the bad taste of 1985,

but Sandler and Drew Barrymore make an oddly winning screen couple, and the showband cover versions of Eighties hits are a hoot. On general release Two grandparents journey to Tokyo to visit their family, and come to

appreciate the emotional guif that now separates them from their children. There's not much more to Tokyo Story than that, but if you can adjust to the sedate, defiantly low-key style of director Yasujiro Ozu. this 1953 classic is an absorbing and powerfully moving experience and the perfect introduction to the work of the Japanese master whose work is being celebrated at the National Film Theatre this month. NFT. London SW1 (0171-928 3232), today at 6.10pm, tomorrow at 8.20pm

Theatre David Benedict

JAMES BURROWS directed The Mary Tyler Moore Show and co-created Cheers, so it's absolutely no surprise that he works as many laughs as he does from the classic Thirties comedy, The Man Who Came to Dinner (right). Chicago's superb Steppenwolf company has a ball spitting out the hilarious one-liners, and the farce plot grows lighter

and funnier by the minute. The Barbican, London EC1 (0171-638 8891), closes Snt The unassuming James Macdonald is finally receiving long-overdue recognition as one of the finest directors around. His striking production of Roberto Zucco is a highlight of the RSC season. The Other Place, Stratfordupon-Avon (01789 2956231



THE BARBICAN's "Sing it Loud!" series gets quite a scoop with the only UK appearances this year by the "Godfather of Soul", James Brown (below). At 65, it remains to be seen if he can still get on the "good foot", but with the back-up of a 15-piece band and dancers, these gigs promise showmanship to the max.

equally insightful readings of Poulenc's Gloria, and Tchaikovsky's

searingly tragic Symphony No 5. Soprano Alison Hagley, the treble

Edward Burrowes, and the combined forces of the London Philharmonic

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Classical Andrew Clarke

WE'VE HEARD little new from the French

symphony - the third - so the UK premiere

elusive artist. Titled The Shadows of Time,

the work sets extracts from The Diary of

Anne Frank and swaps his usual highly

colourful style - which has earned him a

reputation as a worthy successor to Ravel

and Roussell - for a more sombre palette.

The BBC Philharmonic, conducted by Jan

Pascal Tortellier (right), has made quite a

name for itself in this repertoire, so expect

Choir and the Chester Festival Chorus help out.

Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (0171-589 8212) 7.30pm

composer Henri Dutilleux since his last

of his latest piece at the Proms should

prove quite an event. It also marks

something of a departure from the gorgeously realised soundworld of this

Barbican. London EC2 (0171-638 8891) today and tomorrow, 7.30pm Getting even further back to the

roots is "The Legends of Rock'a'Roll", a triple-header with Chock Berry, Little Richard and Jerry Lee Lewis. Berry and Richard should run through their hits capably, but Lewis, still the wild cannon after all these years, could produce just about anything on the night. Wembley Arena, London (0181-902 09021 7.30pm

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ABC BAKER STREET (0171-935 9772) + Baker Street Godziffa 2.10pm, 5.10pm, 8.05pm Mad City 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 8.25pm Sliding

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ABC PICCADILLY (0171-437 3561) Piccadilly Circus Guru in Seven 3.25pm, 8.25pm Martha - Meet Frank, Daniel & Laurence 1.25pm, 6.10pm Mrs Brown 1.20pm,

3.40pm, 6pm, 8.30pm **ABC SHAFTESBURY** AVENUE (0171-836 6279) ↔ Leicester Square/Tottenham Count Road Kiss Dr Kill

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**ODEON WEST END** (0181-315 4221) ← Leicester Square The Diject Of My Affection 1pm. 3.30nm 6.05nm 8.40nm 8ix Days. Seven Nights 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.25pm.

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(0171-437 1234) ← Piccadilly Circus Deep Impact 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm Godzilla 1.15pm, 4.25pm, 8pm Mojo 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.20pm Touch 1pm, 3.30pm,

6pm, 8.15pm

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> CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: Crowdon West/East Love And Death On Long Island 4pm, 6pm, 8pm

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8090) BR: East Croydon Barney's Great Adventure 10.40am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm City Of Angels 11.20am, 1.40pm, 4.20pm, 7.05pm, 9.50pm Godzilla 11.10am, 12noon, 12.40pm. 2.10pm, 3pm, 3.40pm, 5.10pm, 6pm, 6.40pm, 8.10pm, 9pm, 9.40pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm The Little Mermaid 10.50am, 1pm, 3.10pm. 5.20pm Med City 7.20pm, 10pm Six Days, Seven Nights 1.10pm, 3.30pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm The Wedding Singer

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2020) Dagenham Healthway Barney's Great Adventure 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5.20pm Chubby Goes Down Under And Other Sticky Regions 7.40pm, 9.50pm City Of Angels 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm Godzīla 10.15am, 11.30am, 12.10pm, 1pm, 2.30pm, 3.10pm, 3.50pm, 5.30pm,

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9070719) BR/O Ealing Broadway Barney's Great Adventure 12.20pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm Godzilla 12.05pm, 3.05pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm The Little Mermaid 12.30pm, 2.25pm, 4.20pm The Object Of My Affection 12.20pm, 2.10pm, 4 10pm Six Days, Seven Nights 6.20pm, 8.50pm

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(0181-867 0555) 8R: Fellham Barney's Great Adventure 11.40am. 1.40pm, 3.30pm, 5.20pm City DI Angels 11.20am, 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 6.50pm Deep Impact 11.10am, 1.50pm, 6.40pm Duihe Reja 3.30pm, 9.50pm Gharwali Baharwali 12.20pm, 6.40pm Godzilla 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 11.30am, 2pm, 4.25pm, 6.50pm, 9.15pm Kareeb 11.20am, 3.10pm, 6.20pm, 9.30pm The Little Mermald 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm Mad City 7.10pm, 9.40pm Mejor Saab 12.10pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9.15pm The Object Of My Affection 9.30pm Six Days, Seven Nights 11.50am, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.20pm, 9.45pm Sliding Doors 4.30pm, 9.20pm The Wedding Singer 12.30pm, 2.50pm, 5.10pm, 7.20pm, 9.35pm

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WARNER VILLAGE (0181-446 9344) & East Finchley/Finchley Central Barney's Great Adventure 1pm. 2.50pm, 4.50pm City Of Angels 7.20pm, 1.55pm, 2.40pm, 3.35pm, 5.05pm, 5.40pm, 6.30pm, 8.15pm, 8.50pm, 9.25pm Grease (20th Anniversary n) 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.35pm The Little Mermaid 12.10pm, 2.20pm, 4.40pm Mad City 1.40pm, 4.30pm, 7.10pm, 9.45pm Six Days, Seven Nights 12,50pm, 3,20pm, 6pm, 8,30pm The Wedding Singer 6.50pm, 9.10pm

**GOLDERS GREEN** ABC (0181-455 1724) ← Golders Green Godzille 1.45pm, 5pm, 8pm

CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR: Greenwich City DI Angels 9.05pm Godzilla 12.35pm, 3.20pm, 6.05pm, 8.50pm The Little Mermaid 1pm, 3pm, 5.10pm The Object Of My Affection 6.45pm Six Days, Seven Nights 7pm, 9.30pm Sliding Doors 2.30pm, 4.45pm

HAMPSTEAD ABC (0870-9020413) → Belsize Park Barney's Great Adventure 2.40pm. 4.40pm, 6.35pm **Godzilia** 2pm, 5pm. 8pm The Little Mermaid 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm Six Days, Seveo

Nights 8.35pm Sliding Doors 8.40pm HARROW SAFARI CINEMA (0181-426 0303) O Harrow-on-the-Hill/Harrow & Wealdsione Ghulam 1.30pm Kareeb 1.30pm,

5pm, 8.45pm Major Saab 5pm, 8.45pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-427 9009) O Harrow on the Hill Barney's Great Adventure 10.10am, 12.05pm. 2pm, 3.55pm, 5.50pm City Of Angels 10am, 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm Godzilla 9.30am, 9.50am, 11.35am, 12.20pm, 12.40pm, 2.40pm, 3.15pm, 5.35pm, 6.10pm, 6.35pm, 8.30pm, 9.05pm, 9.30pm **Grease (20th** Anniversary Edition) 10.45am, 1.10pm. 3.45pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm Guru in Seven 6.30om The Little Mermaid 11.15am, 1.20pm, 3.25pm, 5.20pm Mad City 7.25pm, 9.50pm The Object Of My Affection 8.50pm Six Days, Seven Nights 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 7.45pm, 10pm Titanic 12.30pm The Wedding Singer 2.50pm, 5.05pm, 7 15pm.

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KINGSTON ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) BR: Kingston Barney's Great Adventure 1.40pm, 3.50pm, 8.20pm Godzilla 1 30pm, 5pm, 8pm The Little Mermaid 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm Six Days, Seven Nights 8.35pm Sliding Doors 8.30pm

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PECKHAM PREMIER (0181-235 3005) 8R. Peckham Rye Barney's Great Adventure 12.15pm, 1.55pm, 3.35pm City Of Angels 2.05pm, 4.35pm, 6.55pm, 9.20pm Deep Impact 12.25pm Godzille 12.35pm, 3.20pm, 6.05pm, 8.50pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm The Little Mermaid 12.20pm, 2.10pm, 4pm Mimic 6.25pm, 9pm Six Days, Seven Nights 5.15pm, 7.25pm, 9.40pm Soul Food 6.50pm, 9.25pm Titanks 3pm

ABC 10870-90204071 8A Purley Barney's Great Adventure 2,50pm, 4,50pm, 6,50pm Gedzilla 2pm, 5pm. 8pm The Little Mermaid 2.40pm, 4.40pm, 6.40pm Six Days, Seven Nights 8.30pm Sliding Doors 8.40pm

PUTNEY ABC (0870 9020401) & Putney Bridge BR, Pulney Barney's Great Adventure 2.15pm, 4.15pm, 6.15pm Godzille .45pm. 5pm. 8 15pm The Little Mermeid 2.15pm, 4 15pm, 6 15pm Six Days, Seven Nights 8.30pm The Wedding Singer 8.45pm

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ABC 10870-9020419) ER Parmord. Barney's Great Adventure 2.10pm. 4 10pm, 6 10pm Godzilla 1,55pm. 455pm. 8pm The Little Mermaid 1.40pm, 3.40pm, 5.40pm Med City

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ABC (0541-555131) BR: 5idcup Godzilla 1.30pm, 4.45pm, 8.05pm The Little Mermaid Jpm. 3.35pm, 5pm Six Days, Seven Nights 8.45pm

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VIRGIN (0870-9070717) 8R: Cticklewood Barney's Great Adventure 12.15pm. 2.15pm. 4 15pm Gedzille 12noon, 1.30pm, 3pm, 5.10pm 6pm, 8pm, 9pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 2.45pm, 5.30pm, 8.15pm The Little Mermaid 12noon, 2pm, 4pm Mad City 6.10pm, 8.45pm Six Days, Seven Nights 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9.15pm The Wedding Singer 6pm,

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ODEON (0181-315 4219) 8R Streatharn Hill/ Brixton/Clapharn Cornmon Barney's Great Adventure 1.05pm, 2.50pm, 4.35pm Godzille 12noon. 3pm, 6pm. 9pm The Little Mermaid 12.20pm, 2.15pm, 4.10pm, 6.05pm Mimle 8.50pm Six Dave Seven Nights 6,20pm, 8,50pm Sou Food 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.40pm The Wedding Singer 1.10pm, 3.40pm. 6am, 8.30pm

STRATFORD **NEW STRATFORD PICTURE** HOUSE (0181-555 3366) BR/ Strattord East Godzilla 12.15pm, 3.05pm, 5pm, 9pm Grease (20th Antiversary Edition) 1.40pm, 7pm Guru lo Sevei 6.40pm, 9.05pm The Littla Mermaid 12.45pm. 2.40pm. 4.40pm **Six Days**, **Seven Nights** 2.15pm, 4.35pm, 6.55pm, 9.15pm **Sliding Doors** 4.10pm, 9.20pm

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TURNPIKE LANE

CORONET (0181-888 2519) O Turnpike Lane. City Of Angels 3.45pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm **Gedzilla** 2.30pm, 5.20pm, 8.10pm Six Days, Seven Nights 3.45pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm

WALTHAMSTOW ABC (0870-9020424) ← Walthamstow Central Barney's Great Adventure 2pm, 4pm, 6pm City Of Angels 8.20pm Godzilla 1.30pm, 4.55pm, 8pm The Little Mermaid 1.40pm, 3.40pm, 5.40pm Six Days, Seven Nights 8.30pm

**WALTON ON THAMES** THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-252825) 8R: Walton on Thames Godzilla 2om, 5.10om, 8.05om Grease (20th Analyersary Edition) 4.15pm, 6.30pm The Little Mermald 2.20pm Six Days, Seven Nights 8.45pm

WILLESDEN BELLE-VUE (0181-830 0822) Willesden Green Six Days, Seven Nights 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm

ODEON (0181-315 4222) 8R/

Wimbledon/ South Wimbledon Barney's Great Advanture 11.45am. 1.20pm, 2.55pm, 4.30pm City Of Augels 8.30pm Gedzilia 10.50am 1.50pm, 5pm, 8.10pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 10.45am, 1.05pm, 3.30pm, 6pm. 8.30pm The Little Marmaid 11.35am, 1.20pm, 3.10pm, 5pm The Dbject Of My Affection 8.20pm Six Days, Seven Nights 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm Sliding Doors 8.45pm The Wedding Singer 6.45pm

**WOOD GREEN** NEW CURZON (0181-347 6664) O Tumpike Lane Doplicate 8pm

WOODFORD ABC (0181-989 3463) → South Woodlard Barney's Great Adventure 2.10pm, 4.10pm, 6.10pm City Of Aogels 8.20pm Godzilla 1.50pm, 4.55pm, 7.55pm The Little Mermeld 1.55pm, 3.55pm, 5.55pm Six Deys. ven Nights 8.30pm

WOOLWICH CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR Woolwich Arsenal Godzille 1,45pm 5pm, 8,05pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 8.35pm

#### **CINEMA** REPERTORY

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ALEXANDRA PALACE: STARLIGHT OPEN AIR CINEMA Alexandra Palace Way N22 (0171-604 3100) Reservoir Dogs (18) Gates open at 6 30pm, him commences at

CINE LUMIERE AT THE INSTITUT FRANCAIS Queensberry Place SW7 (0171-838 2144/2146) The English Patient (15) 7,30pm

ICA The Mail SW1 (0171-930 3647) Organ (NC) 2.30pm, 8.30pm nesday 19.7.1961 (Sreda) (NC) 5pm, 9pm Live Flesh (18) 7pm The En-tire History Of The Louisiana Purchase

THE LUX Hoxton Square N1 (0171-684 0201) Alice Guy-Blache 1873-1958: The First Woman Film Maker: Shorts (NC) 7pm Raming Creatures (18) 9pm

NFT South Sank SE1 (0171-633 0274) As Good As It Gets (15) 2.30pm. 8 40pm Tokyo Story (U) 6.10pm Dr Geldfoot And The Girl Bombs: Mario Bava: Fanfasm (NC) 6.15pm Kill Baby Kill: Merio Bava: Fantasm (NC)

PEPSI IMAX The Trocadero. Accadilly Circus W1 (0171-494 4153) Across The Sea Of Time - A New York Adventure (3-D) (U) 11am, 1.05pm 5.20pm L5-City in Spece (NC) 12.10pm, 2.15pm, 4.25pm, 6.30pm, 8.25pm Everest (U) 3.20pm, 7.50pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181) Dad Savage (18) 1pm The Magnificent Seven (PG) 3.30pm The Last Time I Cemmitted Suicide (15) 6.30pm Gattaca (15) 9pm

RKO Kingsland High Street E8 (0171-254 6677) Godzilla (PG) 2pm, 5pm, 8pm RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road W6 (0181-237 1111/cc 420 0100) Chasing Amy (18) 6.30pm + The

Real Blunde 8.45pm WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentford, Middx (0181-568 1176) The Little Mermaid (U) 1pm, 3pm Girts' Night (15) 5pm, 9pm Sliding Doors (15) 7pm

BRIGHTON

DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-626261) The People Vs FLarry Flynt (18) 2pm Crash 4.30pm The General (15) 6.30pm Love And Death Dn Long Island (15) 9,15pm

BRISTOL WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) Point Blank (18) 5pm Kurt & Court-8.15pm Shall We Dance? (PG) 8.25pm

CAMBRIOGE ARTS CINEMA (01223-5044441 ng Blade (15) 2pm, 9pm Barton Fink (15) 4.30pm Kurt & Courtney (15)

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) Les Voleurs (18) 30pm. 8pm Bad Behaviour (15)

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE: THE

MINERVA MOVIE FESTIVAL (01243-781312) The Third Man (PG) 6.30pm Withnail & I (15) 9pm

**IPSWICH FILM THEATRE (01473-**215544) The Taste Of Cherry (PG) 6pm The Big Lebowski (18) 6.15cm The Girl With Brains in Her Feet (15) 8.15pm The Real Blonde (15) 8.30pm

**CINEMA CITY** (01603-622047) The James Gang (15) 5.45pm Kundun

Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5050) ARTS CENTRE (01752-206114) Marthe - Maet Frank, Daniel & Ocvent Garden, Mon-Sat 7,45pm, (4) & Sat 3pm, £5.75-£32.50. 165 mins. Laurence (15) 8pm

#### **THEATRE** WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today: times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. 

— Seats at all prices D - Seats at some prices O - Returns only Matinees - [1]: Sun. [3]: Tue, (4]: Wed, [5]: Thu, [6]: Fri. [7]: Sat

1 2.5 MINUTE RIDE LISE Kron's one-woman show glides effortlessly trem comedy le deep pathos. Barbican: The Pit Berbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) → Barbican/Moorgate. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, ends 1 Aug.

P ART Richard Griffiths, Tony Haygarth, Malcolm Storry in Yasmina Reza's comedy about art and friendship. Wyndhem's Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) + Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, (4) 3pm, [7][1] 5pm. £9.50-£27.50, 90 mins.

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** Lavish family musical based on Olsney's cartoon version of the favourite fairy tale. Dominioo Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) O Tott Ct Rd, Mon-Wed. Fri & Sat 7.30pm. [4]. (5)[7] 2.30pm, £18.50-£35. 150 mlns.

• BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's leng-tunning Livetpoel musical melodrama. Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) → Leic So/Tatt CI Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5] 3pm. [7] 4pm. £10.50-£29.50.

■ BUODY Musical blog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly. Strand Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800) ← Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm. £6.75-£30.

D CATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 404 4079) ← Covent Garden/Holbom. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 165 mins.

O CHICAGO Ruthia Henshall stars in this hil 8 to adway musicat.

Adelphi Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) ← Chang X. Mon-Sat 8pm, (4)[7] 2.30pm, £16-£36 (incl booking fee).

D CLOSER Superb study of contemporary sexual relationships from Dealer's Choice author Patrick Marber. Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) ← Picc Citc. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, {4}[7] 3pm, £7,50-£27.50, 140 mins,

 THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) Reduced Shakespeare company tast-forward through 37 plays. Criterien Piccadilly Clicus, W1 (0171-369 1747) & Picc Circ, Wed-Sat 8pm. (5) 3pm, (7) 5pm, (1) 4pm, £9.50-£20. 120 mins

● DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation leaturing Jim Henson Puppets. abatt's Apello Hammersmith Oueen Caroline Siteel, W6 (0171-416 6022) → Hammersmith Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (4)[7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50, 150 mins.

I GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONOES Sala Crows stars in this musical featuring the song, Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend. Open Air Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431/cc 486 1933) → Baker Street. Today 2.30pm & 3pm, ends 1 Sept. £8-£20.

O GREASE Marissa Ounlop stais in the stage version of the hit film. dge Earlham Sheet, WC2 (0171-494 5080) ← Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£30.

HOW I LEARNED TO ORIVE Paula Vogel's drama about the teenager and her uncle. Denmar Warehouse Eartham Sheet, WC2 (0171-369 1732) ← Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 8pm, [5] [7] 4pm, ends 8 Aug, £12-£16, concs available, 95 mins.

O THE ICEMAN COMETH Kevin Spacey stars in Eugene O'Nerll's classic testimony to the power of dreams. Old Vic The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 7616/cc 420 0000) 8R/- Waterloo. Mon-Sal 7pm, [7] 1.30pm, ends 1 Aug, £5-£30.

AN IDEAL HUSBANO Christopher Cazenove and Kate O'Mara in Peter Half's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Albery St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730/cc 867 1111) - Leic Sq Mon-Sal 7.45pm. (5) 3pm, (7) 4pm. ends 22 Aug, £7.50-

£29 50, 165 mins. **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Oaldry's widely-acclaimed production of J8 Priestley's theiller Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) → Leic Sq. Mon-Fn 7 45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7]

5pm. £10 50-£25. 110 mins. • KAT AND THE KINGS Musical set in 1950s Cape Town. Vaudeville Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) 8R/← Charing X. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri-Sat 5.30pm & 8.30pm, ends 1 Aug.

£6.25-£27 50, 130 mins. A LETTER OF RESIGNATION Hugh Whitemore's play about the Profumo affair and polit-

ical morality. Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-636 8888/cc 836 04791 Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sal 7.45pm. (4) 3pm. [7] 4pm. £12.50-£25. 135 mins **● MAJOR BARBARA** Jemma

Redurave and Peter Bowles stat in Geome Bernard Shaw's classic comedy. Piccadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369) 1734) Picc Circ. In rep. tonight 7.45pm. continung. £8.50-£27.50. 180 mins.

THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER Classic American comedy of errors from Steppenwolf Theatre Barbican Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) → Barbican/Moorgat/ Tue-Sat. 7 45pm, ends 25 Jul. £6-£27.

LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo's masternece. Palace Shaffesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) ← Picc Circ Mort-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £7-£32.50. 195 mins.

I MISS SAIGON Musical which

resets the Madam Buttertly tradedy in Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane

THE MOUSETRAP Acatha

Christie's whodiennit. St Martin's West Street, WC2 (0171-836 1443) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Sal 8pm. [3] 2.45pm. [7] 5pm. £9-£23. 135 mins.

• MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Decian Donnellan directs Cheek By Jowl in a new production of Shakespeare's classic. Ptayboose Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839) 4401/cc 316 4747) ← Embankment. Mon-Sal 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, ends 25 Jul, £10-£22, 120 mins.

) THE OLD NEIGHBOR-HOOD David Marnet's new play is directed by Patrick Marber. Royal Court (at the Duke Of York's) S. Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) ← Leic Sq/Char-Ing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 3.30pm, £5-£19.50, benches 10p, Mon - all seats £5.

OTRA TEMPESTAO Re-working of The Tempest from Cutten company, Teatro Buendia. The Globe New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-401 9919)

De London Bridge, Tonight, 8pm, ends
25 Jul, £5-£20. 100 mlns. O THE PHANTOM OF THE

**OPERA** Andrew Lloyd Webber's

Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Hay-market. SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) → Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins. ● POPCORN Lawrence Boswell directs Ben Elton's satire on cinema vielence. Apollo Shattesbury Avenue. W1 (0171-494 5070) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £6.50-£23.50.

• THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND & BLACK COMEDY Doubte bill el drama from Tom Stoppard and Peter Schaffer, directed by Glegory Doran, Comedy Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) ← Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 3pm, £7.50-£27.50, 165 mins.

PRENT Musical inspired by La 8oherne and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399) - Holbom/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (4][7] 3pm. £12.50-£32.50, 160 mins

ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE O OLIVIER: Oldahornat Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical, featuring the song Oh What A Beautiful Momin'. Mon-Sat 7.15pm, mats Wed & Sat 2pm, ends 3 Oct. DLYTTELTON: The Prime Of Miss

Jean Brodle Fiona Shaw stars as the Scottish schoolmistress in this new adaptation of the classic novel by Muriel Spark. In rep, lonight 7.30pm, ends 3 Oci. 155 mins. O COTTESLOE: Our Lady Of Siligo Out Of Joint's latest production stars Sinead Cusack, In rep, tonight 7,30pm, ends 4 Aug. 150 mins. Olivier & Lyttelton, 8-£27, Oktahoma - £12-£32.50. Cottesloe £12-£19. Oay seats from 10am, South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000).

O SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia. London Palladium Argyll Street VV1 (0171-494 5020) ← Codoid Circ Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (4)[7] 2.30pm, £10-£32 50, 135 mins

SHAKESPEARE'S VILLAINS Steven Berkoff's look at evil in Shakespeare. Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 8.15cm. CANTERBURY 7) 5pm, ends 9 Aug £8-£17.50, concs £10, 70 mins.

SHOW BOAT Jerome Kern and Mississippr. Prince Edward Old Compton Streel, W1 (0171-447 5400) O Leic Sa. Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30cm. [5][7] 2 30pm, £10-£35, 180 mins

SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE -THE SONGS OF LEIBER AND STOLLER The rock and soil hitmakers cetebrated in a musical revue that includes Jailhouse Rock, Prince of Wales Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839) 5972] ← Leic Sq. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.45pm & 8.30pm, Sat 3pm & 8pm, £15-£32.50, Fri mats £10-£25, 135 mins.

• STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's tri-technoller-mu-sical. Apollo Victoria Willon Road. SW1 (0171-415 6070) 8R/ Victo Mon-Sat 7.45pm. (3)[7] 3pm. £12.50-£30. 150 mins.

SWEET CHARITY Sonnie Langford stars in this classic musical. featuring the numbers Hey 8ig Spender and the Abythm Of Life, Victoria Palace Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317) 8R/ Victoria Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £15-£30. 160 mins.

DITHINGS WE DO FOR LOVE Jane Asher slars in Alan Ayckbourn's comedy. Gielgud Shaftes bury Avenue. W1 (0171-494 5065) → Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (5)[7] 3pm, £10.50-£27 50, 140 mins.

THE UNEXPECTED MAN Yasmina Reza's lollow-up to Art is a drama about a novelist and a life-long admiter. Michael Gambon and Eileen Alkin star. Duchess Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) Covent Garden. Mon-Sal 8pm. [4] 4pm, [7] 5pm, £10-£25, 100 mins.

WHAT YOU GET AND WHAT YOU EXPECT Aceibic look at a generation bent on success from Jean-Marie Besser. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-741 23111 O Hammersmith Mon-Sal 7 30pm, [7] 2.30pm, ends 8 Aug. £10-£14, conce available

O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name about two children who mistake an escaped convict for Jesus Aldwych Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000) → Holborn, Mon-Sal 7.30pm,

THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susan Hill's chilling ghost story Fortune Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238) ◆ Covent Garden Mon-Sat 8pm. [3] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-£23.50, 110 mins.

[5] [7] 3pm. £10-£32.50 120 mins.

#### THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

BAC Look, Mummyl It's Wer, Famine, Death And Peslilence Ouick-witted and apocatyptic drama. tragi-cornedy. Mon-Sun, phone for times, ends 26 Jul £3 50-£7. Church Road Tonight, 7,30pm £6, concs £5. Lavender Hill (0171-223 2223) (01892-544699)

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

First Call

PERRIER-AWARD winning comedian Lee Evans (right) will tickle the funny bones during a two-month run at the Apollo Theatre. Evans knows about amusing body parts, using his own to maximum effect, with a face as malleable as rubber and his madcap traversing of the stage. A cross between Norman Wisdom and Jerry Lewis, his recent film success, Mouse Hunt, is testimony to his star quality and popular appeal. Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070)

£8.50-£19.50. 14 Sept - 21 Nov

Last Call

THE SPEED of ticket sales for M People's winter tour flies in the face of the inattentive music press. The trio's mix of pop, disco and dance influences has found considerable commercial success and soul diva Heather Small, whose statuesque presence belies her surname, captains tight live performances alongside classically-trained musician Paul Heard and ex-Hacienda DJ, Mike Pickering. Westpoint Arena, Essex (01392 446 000) 25 Nov; Brighton

Centre, Brighton (0870 900 9100) 4 Dec; Wembley Arena, London (0181-902 0902) 8-9 Dec; NEC, Birmingham (0121-780 4133) 11-12 Dec and 14 Dec; Nynex Arena, Manchester (0161-950 5000) 18-19 Dec

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE After EXHIBITIONS Darwin Timberlake Wertenbaker's dramatisation of the clash between believers in natural selection and believers

In religious humanism stars Colin Salmon. Mori-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 3.30pm, ends 22 Aug. £8-£15. Avenue Road, NW3 (017)-722 93011 → Swiss Cottage. **NEW END THEATRE** The Curse Of Titikhamon Send-up of Hammer mummy movies. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat & Sun 3.30pm, ends 2 Aug. £7-£12. New End, Healh Street (0171-794 0022)

THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

BATH THEATRE ROYAL The Glass Menagerie Williams' drama about a faded beauty who lives in a St Louis sturn with her two children, Mon-Wed 7,30pm Thu-Sat 8pm, hoday, 2,30pm £7-£21.50, cones available, SI Johns Place (01225-448844/cc 448861)

BRIGHTON THEATRE ROYAL The Rocky Horror Show Jason Donovan stars in the 25th-anniversary lour of the classic reck a red musical, Mon-Thu 8.15pm, Fri & Sal 5pm & 9pm, ends 25 Jul. £3.50-£20 50, concs available. Bond Street (01273-328488)

MARLBOROUGH THEATRE Time And Again A new musical about lorbid-den love in a 1936 public boys school. Tue-Sat. 7.30pm, ends : Aug. £5.50. concs £4 50 Princes Street (01273-

HIPPODROME THEATRE The Goodbye Girl Marti Webb and Gary Wilmot star to this musical adaptation of the Neil Simon movie (Jon-Set 7 30pm mats Wed & Sat 2 30pm 55-520 50. cones available. St Augustines Parade (0117-929 9444)

MARLOWE THEATRE Travels With My Aunt Gifes Havergai accepts Graham Greene's story et a fish out of Friars (01227-737787 CHICHESTER

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE Racing Demon Oavid Hare's origoing drams about four Church Of England clergy, Mon-Sal 7,30pm, mats Thu & Sat. 2.30pm, ends 1 Aug. £6.50-£25. Oaklands Park (01243-781312) EXETER

**ROUGEMONT GARDENS Much** Ado About Nothlog Shakespeare's Italian love story presented by the Northcott Theatre Company, Mon-Sat 7.30pm ends 11 Aug. £8-£12. Off Little Castle Street (01392-493493)

GUILDFORD YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE Alarms And Excursions - More Plays Than One Michael Frayn's new comedy about e dinner party which is itemupted by mysterious messages Mon-Thu 7.45pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, mats Thu 8 Sat 2.30pm, ends 25 Jul. £14.50-£21.50. conce available. Milibreok (01483-440000)

**NEW MILTON** FOREST ARTS CENTRE Tess Of The D'Urbervilles Slage adaptation of ends 26 Jul. £4.50, concs £3.50. Old Milton Road (01425-619983)

WATERMILL THEATRE Cabaret Kander and Ebb s musical about file a decadent 1930s Bertin, Mon-Sat 7 30pm, mals Thu & Sat. 2 30pm, ends 22 Aug. £6-£15, concs available. Bagnor (01635-

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE The Doctor's Difemma Tony Britton stars in George Bernard Shaw's comedy. Tue-Fri 7.30 pm, Sal 8 pm, mats 23 Jul. 2 30 pm, ends 25 Jul £8-£19 50 Beaumont Street (01865-798600)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON THE OTHER PLACE Roberto Zuece Kolles' drama inspired by a wanted poster is directed by James Macdonald In rep. tonight, 7,30pm, ends 5 Sep £12-£19. Southern Lane (01789-295623)

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE Twelfth Night Adrian Nobte directs in rep. Ionight, phone for time, ends 5 Sep £5-£37. Waterside 101789-2956231 SWAN THEATRE The Two

Gentlemen Of Verona Shakespeare's

withy comedy is directed by Edward Hall.

In rep. tonight. 7.30pm, ends 5 Sep. £5-F31. Waterside (01789-295623) TUNBRIDGE WELLS TRINITY ARTS CENTRE RING Around The Moon Jean Anough's

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HOLBURNE MUSEUM AND CRAFTS STUDY CENTRE Heritage Regained Pieces of Silver from the Gilbert Cellection, Mon-Sal 11am-5pm, Sun 2.30pm-5.30pm, ends 6 Sep. £3.50, OAP £3, UB40/60+ £2. child £1.50, family £7 (to museum). Great Pulteney Street (01225-466669)

VICTORIA ART GALLERY Ken Hughes Models, teliefs and statues. Tue-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sum 2pm-5pm, ends 31 Jul, free. Bridge Street (01225-477772)

ARNOLFINI Tracey Moffatt: An Exhibition Of Photographs And Films First major solo show. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 23 Aug. free. Narrow Duay (0117-9299191)

CARDIFF

BUTETOWN HISTORY AND ARTS CENTRE From Pitheed To Pierhead Photographs exploring the Welsh coal industry, Thu-Sun 10.30am-4.30pm, ends 18 Sep. free, 5 Dock Chambers. 8ute Street (01222-256757) NATIONAL MUSEUM AND GALLERY Victerian Visiens:

Orawlogs And Waterceteurs

Victorian art from Rossetti to Whistler.

Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, ends 27 Sep. £4.25,

concs £2.50, family £9.75. Cathays Park

:01222-3979511 FFOTOGALLERY Narten: Detief Henrichs German photographer exhibits work locusing on bodily distigurement. Tue-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm, ends 1 Aug. tree. Charles Street (01222-341667)

LONDON BARBICAN ART GALLERY The Warhol Leok: Glamour, Style,

Pashion Art, film and fashion during Warhol's life. Mon. Thu-Sal 10am-6.45pm, Tue 10am-5.45pm, Wed 10am-7.45pm, Sun 12noon-6.45pm, ends 16 Aug. £6 (£4 after 5pm Mon-Fri), concs £4. Silk Sireel (0171-638 4141) → Garbicart.

BARBICAN CENTRE Absolut Cobblers Famous shoe designers create art. 10am-7pm, Sun 12noon-7.30pm, ends 19 Aug, free, Sifk Street 10171-638 4141) Barbican.

**NATIONAL GALLERY Masters Of** Light: Dutch Painting From Utrecht in The Golden Age Outch paintings from the 17th. Ends 2 Aug. £5, concs £3. Caravaggio: The Flagellation Of Christ Exhibition centred on a loaned work by the 17th-century artist. Ends 9 Aug. free Veoice Through Canaletto's Eyes Twenty-three paintings and drawings by the Venetian artist. Mon-Sal 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun 12noon-8pm, ends 11 Oct. Iree, Trafalgar Square

(0171-839 3321) ← Caring Cross. ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Reyal Academy Summer Exhibit 1998 Major annual selling exhibition. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Sun to 8.30pm), ends 16 Aug. £7, U840/OAP £5.50, NUS child 12-18 £2.50 child 8-11 £1, incl handbook. Critical Mass: Anteny Gormley Sixty casts of human bodies on display in the courtyard. Mon-Sun all day, ends 30 Sep.

Chageti: Love And The Stage Featuring colourful murals made in Russia. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Sun to 8.30pm), ends 4 Oct. £6, cones £5, NUS £4, child 12-18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1. Burlington louse, Piccadilly, (0171-300 8000)

TATE GALLERY Some New Paintings: Lucien Freud Recent work by the leading artist, including a recent self-portrait etching. Ends 26 Jul. Art Now 14: Sophie Calle's The Birthday Ceremeny Sculptural installation of birthday gilts. Ends 16 Aug. Patrick Heren Relrospective of the British artist. Ends 6 Sep. £5 concs £3.25. Warhol And Beurs: Leans From The Fraelich Callection Work by leading 20th-century artists. Ends 20 Sep. Moonlight And Firelight: Waterco Frem The Turoer Bequest Work explaining Turner's interest in moomight and firelight. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm ends 11 Nov. Iree. Millbank (0171-887 8000) ← Pimlico

ST IVES TATE GALLERY COIQUE In Space: Pafrick Heron Show documenting Britain's leading artist's public arlwork. Ends 18 Oct. Displays 1997-B Show focusing on the De Stijl group and the contemporaries of Roger Hilton. Ends 1 Nov. After Adraga: John Beard Studies of a Portugese cliff face. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 1 Nov. £3.50, concs £2. Porthmeor Beach (01736-796226)

TELFORO SPOUT FARM HOUSE Printers Inc. Botish prints including Rachel Whiteread and Oamien Hirst, Mon-Sun 10am-4pm, ends 9 Aug, free. Tellord Town Parl (01952-202579)

CLASSICAL

CARDIFF ST DAVID'S HALL Royal Liverpool Philitarmenic/Arwel Hughes With soprano Lesley Garrett in an Opera Pront. Tonight 7.30pm. £5-£21. The Hayes (01222-878444)

LONDON QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL Evelyn Glennie & Ensemble Bash Solo works and ensemble percussion showcase. Tonight 7.45pm. £10-£15, concs £8. South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242) 8R/ Waterloo.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL BBC Phillharmonic/Tertetier A new place by Henri Dutilleux and Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony. Tonight 7.30pm, £3-£20. Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) High Street Kensington.

**OPERA** 

LONDON BLOOMSBURY THEATRE Cost Fen Tutte Music Theatre Kernow production of Mozart's great cornedy. Tonight 7.30pm. £10-£15. concs £8. Gordon Street, WC1 (0171-388 8822) Tube/BR: Euston.

HOLLAND PARK THEATRE Dido and Aeneas Purcell's Baroque classic from Midsummer Opera, Tonight 7.30pm. £22.50, concs £17. Kensington High Street, W8 (0171-602 7856) ← High Street Kensington.

DANCE

LONDON COLISEUM The Royal Ballet: Manon MacMillan's sensuous production set to Jules Massenet's score. Tonighi (Guillem/Cope/Mukhamedov)7.30pm, £10-£55. St. Martio's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300) ← Leicester

NORWICH Perry's award-winning tap show. Tonight 7.30pm. £3.50-£14.50. Theatre Street (01603-630000)

LITERATURE

TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM DISCUSSION SERIES: SIR JOHN DRUMMOND Discussion on the arts and politics of Britain. Burnt House New End Square NW3 (0171-431 0144) O Hampstead, Tonight, dinner 6pm, talk 7.30pm, £8 talk only, £18 talk/dinner, adv booking essential JOSEPH CONNOLLY, MAVIS

CHEEK & ANDREW MARTIN

COMEDY

Readings from Summer Things, Three Men On A Plane and Bilton, Waterstone's Hampstead High Street NW3 (0171-794 1098) → Hampstead. Tonight 7pm, £2.

COLCHESTER JEFF GREEN AT COLCHESTER ARTS CENTRE Whimsical stand-up. Tonight 8.30pm, £5.50, concs £4.50. St Mary-at-the-Walls, Church Street (01206-577301)

THE COMEDY STORE The Comedy Store Players with Tony Hawks. reeney, Andy Smart, Neil Mullarkey and Don Mackichan. Tenight 8pm, £11 Oxendon Street, SW1 (01426-914433) O Piccadilly Circus.

JENNY ECLAIR IS MRS NOSEY

Tonight 9pm, £6 lor both shews.

Carpeniers Mews, off North Road, N7

(0171-609 1800) ← Caledonian Road. **CLUBS** 

LONDON MAGAZINE AT THE ST MORITZ CLUB Late 1070s-style mix of punk, ska, eggae, trash and rock'n roll. Tonight 10.30pm-3.30am, Wardour Street, W1 (0171-437 0525) ◆ Oxford Circus, £3, £2.50 before 11pm.

UPSTAIRS AT RONNIE SCOTT'SReputable 1970s disco, funk and raregroove shinding. Tonight 10pm-3am, Frith Street, W1 (0171-439 0747) O Leicesler Square, £6, NUS £4,

SWERVE AT THE VELVET ROOM Fabio and Grooverider crack the whip Tonight 10pm-late, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-439 4655/cc 0171-734 4687) ← Tottenham Court Road, £6. **EVENTS** 

CARDIFF CHEMIQUEST! Special chemistry exhibits on a Bubbles and Bangs theme. With special Techniquest trail cards and NET surling in the Electronic Library. Techniquest Stuart Street (01222-475475). Men-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm. Sat & Sun, 10am-5pm, ends 31 Aug, £4.75, concs £3.50, tamily £13.50, under 5s fee:

KING'S LYNN KING'S LYNN FESTIVAL Wide-ranging programme from the world of music and the arts. With three major orchestras, plus stars including Jools Holland, Barry Took, Emma Johnson Peter Barkworth, Hannah Gorden and Baine Oelmar, special events for children, fireworks and exhibitions. King's Lynn Festival Various venues (01553-767557).

Mon-Sun, times vary, phone for details;

LONDON AN ENGLISH GARDEN PARTY.

ends 25 Jul, prices vary.

Buffel supper with wine, entertainment and stalls. In aid of Parkinson's Disease Society of the UK and The Westminster Society, Westminster Abbey College, Garden Parliament Square SW1 (0181-968 7376) Westminster/St James's Park, Tonight 6pm-8.30pm, £17,59, adv booking essential,

Demonstrations, concerts and exhibits by the Armed Forces, With activities for children. Earls Court Warwick Road SW5 (0171-244 0244) - Kensington Olympia: 10.15pm, ends 2 Aug. £5-£25, discounts and concs available.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT

ZIPPO'S CIRCUS 1998 Circus production combining the traditional and the new. Gladstone Park Anson Road NW2 (07050-121416/131517) + Dollis Hill/BR: Cricklewood. Tonight 6pm, £5.50-£12, child £3.50-£10.

> **MUSIC** POP -

SNUFF, ZOOMER Wry hardcore punk readliners. The Fleece St. Thomas Seeet (0117-927 7150/cc 929 9008). Tonight 🎉 📳 📳 80m. £5:

LONDON MARC ALMOND Residency for the ex-Soft Cell torch singer. **Atmeida Theatre** Almeida Street N1 (0171-359 4404) - Angel Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 25 Aug. £11.50-£16.50: JAMES BROWN The Godfather of Soul, live and in person. Barbical Centre Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 4141) ◆ Barbican/Moorgate. 22. 8. 23 Jul.

7.30pm £15-£27.50 ATTICA BLUES Mo wax jazz hip hop. crew. The Blue Note Parkfield Street N1 0 (0171-288 1986) ← Angel,-Tanight 9pm, £8, concs £7. RICHIE SAMBORA, BREAKER

Bon Jovi's twiddly guitar wiz tours his it. cent sole album. Undiscovered Soul. Shepherd's Bush Empire Shepherd's Bush Green W12 (0181-740 7474); O Shepherd's Bush. Tonight, 7pm, £15. CHUCK BERRY, LITTLE RICHARD. JERRY LEE LEWIS Three bona-fide rock n'roll legents together on ene biff. Wembley Acces Empire Way, Wembley, Middx (0181-902 0902) → Wembley Park. Tonight 6.30pm.

REDHILL JOOLS HOLLAND & HIS RHYTHM & BLUES OF CHESTRA TV presenting boogle was gie pianist. The Harlequin London Roaf (01737-765547) Tanight 8pm, £15.50

£19.50-£26.50.

**MUSIC** JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

WOJRAH PARKER One woman play about Fate. THE MEN THEY COULDN'T HANG Indie-folk statwarts with ap alt-country edge. The Square Fourth Ave (01279-305000) Tonight 7.30pm; £5.

> MOSE ALLISON TRIOSinger-son writer of Your Mind Is On Vacation & Pizza Express Jazz Chub Dean Stige W1 (0171-439 8722) ◆ Totterh Court Rd. Thu-Sat 9pm, £15, ends 26.4 RICHARD RODNEY BE Classy piano and vocal cabaret sent two revues, S'wonderful and From Heaven, Pizza on the Park bridge SW1 (0171-235 5273) 💏 Park Corner, Tonight 9.15pm & 11 ends 1 Aug. £18. adv £16. EL NINO Saxist John Rangecrofts freelorm seven piece. The Plan Museum Street WC1 (0171-836-7 O Toltenham Court Road. To 8.30pm, £4, concs £3.

HEAVY SHIFT Exciting groot funk outfil. St Christopher's Pact Barrett Street Plazza W2: (\$175.48) 3294) \(\to\$\) Bond Street. Tonight 6.10887

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RADIO 2

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RADIO 3 (90.2-92.4MHz FM )

9.00 Masterworks.

11.00 Sound Stories
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5.00 In Tune.

2.00 BBC Proms 98.

4.00 Choral Evensono

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(97.6-99.8MHz FM )

6.30 Kevin Greening and Zoe Ball.

9.00 Simon Mayo. 12.00 Jo

Steve Lamacq. 8.30 Mark Ker-

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ren. 4.00 - 6.30 Chris Moyles.

12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 John Dunn. 7.00

ng. 9.00 Daryi Hall and John

den. 3.00 - 4.00 Alex Lester.

10.30 Proms Artist of the Week.

1.00 Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert.

7.30 BBC Proms 98. Live from the

mood of Tchaikovsky's heart-rend-

ing symphony, impassioned and in-

tense, is echoed by that master of

orchestral colour Henri Dutilleux in

a new work setting fragments from

The Diary of Anne Frank'. In con-

trast, Poulenc's 'Gloria' is all exuber-

ance and gaiety. Alison Hagley (soprano), Edward Burrowes (tre-

don Philharmonic Choir, BBC

ble), Chester Festival Chorus, Lon-

Philharmonic/ Yan Pascal Tortelier.

Poulenc: Gloria. Henri Dutilleux:

Shadows of Time (UK premiere).

Johnson talks to Gerard McBurney

Tchaikovsky's much misunderstood

8.20 Fifth Thoughts, Stephen

and Sian Edwards about

Symphony No 5 in E minor.

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00 The Blue Bird (1976) (20735). 8.00

The Benker Gang (1985) (63613), 10.00 Jane Eyre (1995) (29648), 12.00 Spy Hard

1985) (48369280). 3.00 Phinestone (1984).

(70700). 5.00 The Princess Bride (1987)

(98280), 7.00 Jane Eyre (1995) (92613). 9.00 Spy Hard (1996) (43754), 10.30 Ex-

12:10 When Saturday Comes (1995) See Pick of the Day (493965), 1.50 Lambada

the Forbidden Dance (1990) (807830), 3.30

6.00 Murderous Intent (1995) (347859).

6.00 The Bandit of Sherwood Forest (1946) (28377). 8.00 Higher and Higher

(1943) (67483), 10.00 White Dwarf (1995)

(10990), 12.00 The Fallen Sparrow\* (1943) (57006), 2.00 Higher and Higher

(1943) (79613). 4.00 The Bandit of Sher-

wood Forest (1946) (6236), 6.00 White Dwarf (1995) (41006), 7.30 El News Wei

(67822), 10.00 Last Danca (1996)

on a Cornet (87052).

SKY MOVIES GOLD

In Review (5377). 8.00 Gargantua (1996)

(415280). 11.45 Prescription for Murder

(1995) (5)(6938), 1.20 The Last Supper

Death (1989) (603762), 4.30 - 6.00 Off

4.00 My Favourite Blonde\* (1942) (2659938), 6,00 Sea Wolves (1980)

(2237700), 8.00 Pretty in Pink (1986)

(2312445), **10.00** Action Jackson (1968) (8019613), **11.40** Flesh and Blood (1985)

33615822). 1.45 Paradise Alley (1978)

8.00 The A-Team (8568071). 9.00 Real

Stories of the Highway Patrol (4519464). 9.30 Cops (7636822). 10.00 Italian

Stripping Housewives (2749629). 10.30 Red Shoe Diaries (2756377). 11.00 Films Emmanuelle 4 (1984) (3820193).

1.30 Italian Stripping Housewives (3704101). 2.00 Real Stories of the High-

erques (9302377). 5.00 First Flights

Track of the Cat (7900735). 7.30 Arthur

(1219938), **5.30** Jurassica (9393629). **6.00** Wildlife SOS (9210342). **6.30** 

1.00 Beverly Hills Bordello (1617761).

way Patrol (3120014). 2.30 Cops

(3149149), 3,00 Film: Assault on

6.00 The A-Team (2627269).

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Precinct 13 (1976) (9408410). 5.00 -

(1941) (4628894). 5.10 Close.

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SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

ception to the Rule (1996) (32734377).

Fifth Symphony.

Royal Albert Hall, London. The

Oates - the Celebrity Soul Show.

Nick Barraclough. 8,00 Mike Hard-

10,00 Top of the Pops on 2. 10.30

Richard Allinson. 12.05 Steve Mad-

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### WEDNESDAY RADIO

#### PICK OF THE DAY

Whiley. 3.00 Dave Pearce. 6.30 Mary Anne Hobbs. 1.00 Clive Warbattle that followed, 3,000 were killed. The cause of all the trouble was the planting of hedges: in Rural Lives (Ilam R4), Les 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. Woodland argues that hedgerows created a new division between the land-owning farmer and the landless labourer, and traces that

IN 1549, AN army of 20,000 rebels venues, Straw Poll (8pm R4), marched oo Norwich; in the begins with the proposition that "A language authority is essential for the preservation of standards in English", from the Oxford University Press. OED editor John Simpson and the linguist Jean Aitchison put the case for freedom in language, while silver-tongued charmer Frank Delaney (right) leads the fight for "standards". ROBERT HANKS



ry Parris, interview each other and

meet agony aunt Irma Kurtz and

10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Patch-

work Planet. By Anne Tyler, abridged by Pat McLoughlin, read

by William Hope. Barnaby Gaitlin is

nearly 30, divorced, directionless

and the black sheep of his philan-

11.00 Trust Me, I'm a Policeman, In

Robert Smith's six-part drama, John

Matrix, who takes a reluctant work-

12.04 News; Shipping Forecast.

thropic Baltimore family. He also

Woodvine is Detective Sergeant

has a heart of gold (3/10).

(198kHz)

her son Marc Beers.

10.00 The World Tonight.

ing 'Thursdays', in which a wrong number nearty turns into a blind date; and a poignant song, Dear Francois', with music by Richard Addinsell. Plus Grenfell's letters to

division down to the present day.

A series of debates in appropriate

Virginia Graham. (R) 10.05 Bet Canto. Nocturnes performed by the violinist Ruggiero Ricci, who celebrates his eightieth birthday this week. 10.30 Gershwin in Focus. To

Gershwin, his show tunes were as important as his concert works and he saw no contradiction in writing both. Pianist Jack Gibbons tollows Gershwin's development as a composer and reveals the close stylistic relationship between the works tor Broadway, the works for Hollywood and the music for concert hall. With illustrations at the keyboard and from original recordings. With Ben Kingsley as Gershwin. 11.30 Jazz Notes.

12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Rameau. (R) 1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

RADIO 4 (92.4-94.6MHz FM ) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Mothers and Sons. 9.30 The Sale of the Century. 9.45 Serial: Master Musicians. 10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour. 11.00 NEWS; Rural Lives. See Pick of the Day

8.40 Concert, part 2. Tchaikovsky: 11.30 Frank Muir - a Kentish Lad 9.50 Postscript. A five-part enter-Remembered. tainment compiled by and starring 12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. Maureen Lipman, recreating mono-1.00 The World at One. logues, sketches and songs origi-1.30 Wordly Wise, (R) nally written and performed by cornectienne Joyce Grenfell. Featur-2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

2.15 Afternoon Play: A Little

Princess. 3.00 NEWS; Gardeners' Question

3.30 Pillars of the Community. 3.45 f Take Back My Country. 4.00 NEWS; Four Walls. 4.30 Thinking Allowed. 5.00 PM

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Audio Diaries. (R) 7.00 NEWS; The Archers 715 Front Row. Francine Stock chairs the nightly arts programme. 7.45 Under One Root: Summer Holiday. By Michele Hanson and

experience youth on a stakeout and Jenny Landreth (3/5). 8.00 NEWS; Straw Poll. The first of passes the time with highly unreliable tales of police work. 2: 'Marzifour debates on issues of perennial interest, chaired by Justin Webb. 1: pan'. With David Antrobus and Jan 'A language authority is essential for Winters Director Ned Chaillet. preserving stendards in English'. 11.15 Stereonation. 11.30 The Mark Steel Revolution. From the Oxford University Press, Oxlord. See Pick of the Day 12.00 News. 8.45 War without Shooting. After a 12.30 Late Book: Arcanum. (R) month of soccer battles and World 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 100 As World Service. 5.30 World News. Cup mania, American writer and broadcaster Bill Butord reflects on

5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. George Orwell's description of tootball as 'war without shooting'. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today. 9.00 NEWS; Lifelines. Three programmes about people with a pas-sion for science. 2: When the police **RADIO 4 LW** cannot find a killer, amateur sleuth Charlie Parker steps in. Armed with the latest in forensic technology, his organisation is helping to bring murderers to justice in the south

SATELLITE AND CABLE

5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast. 11.30 - 12.00 Today in Parliament. Texas town of San Antonio. RADIO S LIVE 9.30 Mothers and Sons. Revela-(693, 909kHz MW) tions are aired as Times columnist 6.00 The Breakfast Programme. Matthew Parris and his mother, Ter-9.00 Nicky Campbell

12.00 The Midday News. LOO Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Nationwide. 7.00 News Extra.

7.30 Will Carling's World of Athletics. The former England rugby union captain discusses the state of athletics in Britain and around the world, with leading figures from the sport. Call and have your say on 0500 909693.

9.00 Proops's Hoops. American comedian Greg Proops continues his journey through the amazing history of basketball and travels to Indiana, home of Hoosier Hoops. 9.30 A Tour Remembered. On the eve of the Trent Bridge Test, Peter Baxter recalls the South African tour ot 1965, which featured one of the great Trent Bridge innings. 10.00 Late Night Live. With Nick Robinson. Including a late news briefing at 11.00, and at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight and a topical late-night discussion.

1.00 Up All Night. 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. CLASSIC FM

(1000-1019MHz FM ) 6.00 Michael Mappin. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto, 3.00 Jamie Crick, 6.30 Newsnight 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105.8MHz FM ) 7.00 Jonathan Ross. 10.00 Russ Williams, 100 Nick Abbot, 4.00 Robin Banks/FM only Ray Cokes from 6.45pm, 7.30 Ray Cokes. 10.00 Mark Forrest. 2.00 Peter Poulton. 5.00 Jeremy Clark.

WORLD SERVICE (198kHz LW ) 1.00 Newsdesk, 1.30 From Our

Own Correspondent, 145 Britain Today. 2.00 Newsdesk. 2.30 Omnibus. 3.00 Newsday. 3.30 Meridian (Books). 4.00 News. 4.05 Business Report. 4.15 Sports. 4.30 - 7.00 The World Today.

9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 TALK RADIO 7.00 New Talk Radio Breakfast Show, 9.00 Scott Chisholm, 11.00 Lorraine Kelly. 1.00 Anna Raeburn. 3.00 Tommy Boyd. 5.00 Peter Deeley. 7.00 Nick Abbot. 9.00 James Whale, 1.00 lan Collins, 5.00 - 7.00 Bill Overton.

cling: Tour de France (78939). 11.00 Cy

(53716). 7.00 Football (12445). 9.00 Cy-

cling: Tour de France (27213). 11.00 Speedworld (16629). 12.00 Four-Wheel

Drive (48656), 12.30 Close.

cing: Tour de France (2177984), 4.30 Tennis (69984), 6.00 Speedworld

#### **INDEPENDENT PURSUITS**

### <u>Chess</u>

WILLIAM HARTSTON

reputation for being particularly good at avoiding defeat. He ooce weot more than 100 games with a loss. Possessing phenomenal patience, be also revelled in playing games of great tength in which nothing much seemed to be heppening for long periods.

At the end of this week, Ulf will celebrate his 47th birthdey, which puts him firmly into the veteran class among the young grandmasters of today, yet in the past few vears he has been enjoying a welcome comeback with some excellent results in interostional tournameots. As the following game from this mooth's Keres Memorial Tournament in Estonia shows, he has even developed a fine spirit of edventure.

In a blocked position. Black 17 Ne2 co seemed to be making progress on the K-side as be carefully prepared ... h5. then prised open the position 20 Ng3 Nc5 with ... f6, but Andersson's equally well prepared 33.Nxe5!! must have 22 Bf1 c3 come as a shock Bleck's pieces 23 Qc1 Rh8 suddenly became discoordinated, as 24 Ree1 Bc8

ULF ANDERSSON was one of the the white centre pawns advanced world's leading players in the Sev- and they never recovered from the enties and early Eighties with a shock At the end, 48.. Kh5 49.Be2+ or 48...Rg6 49.fxg6 wins for White.

#### White: U Andersson Black: T Seeman Parnu 1998

1 N/3 N/6 25 Bb5 Qd8 26 Qe3 Qe7 **2** d4 g6 3 g3 Bg7 27 Kg2 h5 4 Bg2 0-0 28 g5 Nh7 29 Rg1 Ra7 5 0-0 d6 6 Rel Nbd7 30 Rdf1 f6 7 e4 e5 31 gxf6+ Qxf6 32 Kh2 Kf8 8 Nc3 Re8 33 Nxe5 Qxe5 9 h3 c6 10 a4 Qc7 34 f4 Qe7 11 Be3 b6 35 e5 Nf6 12 Qd2 Bb7 36 Qd4 h4 13 Bh6 a6 37 Ne2 Nfe4 14 Rad1 b5 15 Bxg7 Kxg7

16 Re3 b4 18 d5 e5 19 g4 c4 21 h3 h6

38 Rxg6 Qh7 39 f5 Ng3 40 Nxg3 hxg3+ 41 Rxg3 Rg7 42 e6 Rxg3 43 Qf6+ Kg8 44 Qd8+ Kg7

45 Oe7+ Kg8 46 Qe8+ Kg7 47 Of7+ Kh6 48 Qf6+ resigns

#### BRIDGE ALAN HIRON

YOU WOULD have thought that e declarer in a vulnerable grand slam would plan the play carefully but South, thinking that it was all too easy, played quickly. Why should I have worried? I was holding the West cards and, as a result, wes one of his beoeficiaries.

South opened One No-trump (15-17 points) and North launched immediately into a Gerber enquiry with Four Clubs. South showed his ace with Four hearts and now North bid Four No-trumps. This set his partner a problem; was this oow quantitative, or asking for kings? With a maximum for bls One No-trump, he moved on with Five Clubs and, to avid further confusion, North jumped to Seveo Notrumps.

Rather gloomily, I led \$10 and declarer found himself looking at 12 top tricks. An even break in any of spades, hearts or clubs would give him a 13th and there could well be squeeze chances. After winning the lead in band with \$ K. South decided to test the clubs first, but East threw a diamond on the third

Time ticked away before he

North **♦**A Q 10 9A Q 5 **♦07 ♣**AQ974 West East **◆**J954 **482** 7184 V1062 Ø10986 05432 **♣**10.2 **4**J865 South **♦**K763 CK973 ¢AKJ. **♣**K3

Game all; dealer South

four spades. This was right in theory ( + J might have falled in two) but wrong in practice, and partner and I were greatly relieved to collect 100 points on the outing.

South, of course, should have tested one of the major suits first. Then, if the one he selects proves to be 4-2, he can test the other and has an idle card to discard on the third club. In that way, In that wey, if any of the critical suits breaks 3-3, he would bave been home and dry: and there would still have finally threw e heart and saved his been squeeze possibilities.

#### "Roy of the Rovers meets mean-minded critics, to Bean's own career. To describe it as a UK GOLD 7.00 Crossroads (2560071), 7.30 Neighround. Suddenly South had a probhours (2962629) 7.55 FastFoders lem: what should be discard?

Emmerdole", When Saturday Comes (12.10am Sky Movies footballing Full Monty would be inaccurate as it lacks the Pre-Screen 1) is a post-Fever Pitch football movie with Sean Bean miership clout of that later work. (right). He stars as an ambitious Biography: Isaac Newtoo (7pm amateur determined to play for The History Channel), is an his local team, Sheffield United. hour-long special on the mathematician, physicist, astronomer Ironically, United were lucky to be promoted to the Premiership last and philosopher who, rather seasoo and are strong favourites precociously, had discovered the for relegation; parallel themes of

PICK OF THE DAY

DESCRIBED BY Time Out as rejection have been applied by

laws of physics by the age of 23. PETER CONCRIE

over-promotion and subsequent C Clarke's Mysterious Universe (9303006). 8.00 Survivors (8644445). 9.00 Survivors: Great Escapes (1996) (554101). 2.55 Masque Of The Red M522938) 9.30 Survivors: Survivor (7649396), 10.00 Wonders of Weather (2745803), 10.30 Wonders of Weather (2754551), 11.00 Outlaws (2640261). 12.00 First Flights (7359507). 12.30 Top Marques (9764323). 1.00 Prison Life (5374897), 2.00 Close.

8.00 Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly Hills (89532). 8.30 Street Sharks (88803). 9.00 Garfield and (3437507), 3.35 The Shepherd of the Hills Friends (81993). 9.30 The Simpsons (14716). 10.00 Gernes World (3372990). 10.15 Games World (3299613). 10.30 Just Kidding (81957). 11.00 The New Adventures of Superman (88464). 12.00 Married with Children (99919), 12.30 M\*A\*S\*H (9928759), 12.55 The Special K Collection (96258483). 1.00 Geraldo (9455006). 1.55 The Special K Collection (22265396). 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (5947795). 2.55 The Special K Collection (2780984). 3.00 Jerny Jones (3863984). 3.55 The Special K Collection (9754735). 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (28445). 5.00 Star Trek: Voyager (4342). 6.00 The Namey (2803). 6.30 Married with Children (6483). 7.00 The Simpsons 4.00 The Diceman (9306193), 4.30 Top (5071). 7.30 Real TV (2667). 8.00 Stargate SG-1 (70396). 9.00 Outer Limits (50532). 10.00 Caribbean Uncovered (60919). 11.00 Star Trek: Voyager

(76629), 12.00 Nash Bridges (86965). 1.00 - 8.09 Long Play (5741255). KKY SPORTS 4

7.00 Sky Sports Centra (5560754), 7.15 World Wresting Federation Live Wire (457919). 8.35 Sky Sports Centre (4431984). 8.30 Racing News (40700) 9.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (37280), 9.30 Embassy World Eight-Bail Championships (87551), 11.30 Soccer Sevens (66209), 12.30 Tales from the Premiership The Great Survivors (50629). 1.00 Cricket -AXA Life League Warwickshire v Essex (81645), 2.30 Fastrax (1716), 3.00 Nescar Kerwood 300 (17844), 5.00 World Wrestling Federation Shot Gun (4984), 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (2445). 6.30 Tales from the Premiership On a Shoestring (6025), 7.00 European Tour Golf Magazine (5613), 7.30 Full Throttle (2209), 8.00 Snooker (14754), 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (462629). 10.15 Tales from the Premiership On a Shoestring (100984), 10.45 Soccer Sevens (874822). 11.45 Sky Sports Centre (408919). 12.00 World of Super League with Eddle and Stevo (94471). 2.00 Samsung Esprit 556). 2.30 Watersports World (26149). 3.30 Tales from the Premiership On a

Shoestring (26743), 4.00 Sky Sports Centre (27943743), 4.15 Close. SKY SPORTS 2 7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (7007280). 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (5365716). 7.45 Racing News (5245209). 8.15 Tales from

the Premiership The Great Survivors (2540261). 8.45 Sky Sports Centre 2455342\ 9.00 Soccer Sevens (5605193), 10,00 Nascar Kenwood 300 (9766754). 12.00 Equestrianism - ATCO Double Statom (9665613). 1.00 Beach Volleybali (7006551), 1.30 Sports Unlimited (8302919), 2.30 Golf Extra (7290919). 4-30 Snooker (9490967) 6.30 The Winning Post (2352071). 8.30 Golf Extra (708964). 10.30 Water-sports World (6583919). 11.30 European Tour Weekly (3017735). 12.00 Full Throt-De (5589101). 12.30 Sky Sports Centre (2077385) 12.45 Fastrax (2259052)

1.15 Tales from the Premiership On a Shoestring (2256965). 1.45 Sky Sports Centre (57829507). 2.00 Close. SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Wresting (45961984), 1.00 Fish TV (65273984), 1.30 Fish TV Fehing Tales (48054648), 2.00 Superbouts George Foreman v Tommy Morrison (86127006), 3.00 Second Innings Wager Youris (40796193). 3.30 Major League Baseball - Game of the Week #81342803). 5.30 Watersports World (45669087). 6.30 Samsung Esprit (91351990), 7.00 Soccer Sevens (27518667), 8.00 World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (27598803), 10.00 Sportraits (12598464). 10.30 Dickle Davies's Sporting Heroes (86642700), 11.30 Close. EUROSPORT

7.30 Motorcycling (39716), 9.00 Cy-

(3584529). 8.30 The Bill (2742716). 9.00 The Bill (2766396). 9.30 Stay Lucky (3316990), 10.30 The Sulivens

(2755280), 11.00 Dallas (8224025), 11.55 Neighbours (89026280). 12.25 East-Enders (7039218), 1.00 All Creatures Great and Small (7526445), 2.00 Dallas (8856567). 2.55 The Bill (5501613). 3.25 The Bill (9872261), 3.55 Dangerfield 5849803). 4.55 EastEnders (9791209). 5.30 Home to Roost (9395087), 6.00 Al Creatures Great and Small (7646209). 7.00 The Cornedy Alternative: 2point4 Chicren (2185445), 7.40 The Cornedy Alternative: Walting for God (9090984). 8.20 The Cornedy Alternative: Dad's Army (8566193). 9.00 One Foot in the Grave (4319735), 9.40 Film: Papillon (1973) (29108822). 12.40 The Bill (9283897). 110 The Bill (5030323). 1.40 The Comic Strlp Presents (92261101). 2.10 The Equalizer (9133830), 2.55 -7.00 Shopping at Night (20721410). LIVING

6.00 Tiny Living (3079193), 9.00 Relenda (5841990). 9.50 Jerry Springer (4840209), 10.40 The Young and the Restless (8550281). 11.30 Brookside (5161716), 12.00 Jimmy's (9087396), 12.35 Arimal Rescue (93035754). 1.00 Rescue 911 (1600551). 1.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (3138358). 2.05 Relonda (8227280). 2.55 Living II Upl (2027464). 3,55 Jerry Springer (2781006), 4,45 Tempest (8374280), 5,35 Ready, Steady Cook (4193174), **6.10** Jerry Springer (9337700), **7.00** Rescue 911 (2638445). 7.30 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (9997938), 8.00 Side Effects (2236071). 9.00 Film: There Are No Children Here (1993) (2319358). 11.00 Sex Life Down Under (1514700). 12.00 Close.

9.00 Film: Lust for Life (1956) (27595716). 11.00 Film: MGM Miestones: Romeo and Julier (1936) (53289984), 1.15 Film: Tarzan the Ape Man\* (1932) (76215236), 3.00 Film: Lust for Life (1956) (82249694). 5.00 Close.

#### **PUZZLE**

HOW DO the following two lists of Yesterday's answer: numbers continue?

A: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, ... B: 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19 ...

and how do these go on: C: 1, 3, 4, 7, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 ... D: 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 19 ...

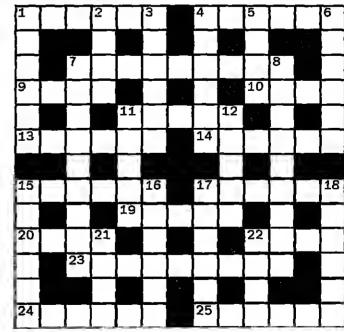
(Answers tomorrow)

You need only look at one item. Take something from the box marked "outs and bolts". If it's a nut, since this is oot the "nuts and holts" box, it must contain only nuts. The box marked "bolts" must then be the "nuts and bolts" one. and the ooe marked "outs" is full

#### **CONCISE CROSSWORD**

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### REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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Emmerdale (37716), 3.20 Westcountry
News (1319454), 6.00 Westcountry Live
(88377), 10.30 Westcountry News (294483), 10.40 The Long Weekend (996529), 11.40 The Prince's Trust Concert (938990), 12.40 Film: White Hot: the Mysterious Murder of Theirna Todd (193588) 4.00 Making 'Contact' (67965), 4.30 ITV Nightscreen (63588). 5.00 Coronation Street (40149).

As Cariton except: 10.20 Calendar News and Weather (7578984). 12.20 Calendar News and Weather (4913919). 1.00 Home and Away: Jesse and March agree to stay friends. Joey thinks he may be able to help Chloe (25656087). 1.25 Jerry Springer (9158087). 2.10 Emmerdale (3947938). 3.20 Calendar News (1319464), 5.40 News (300938), 5.55 Calendar (528754), 6.30 Tonight (777), 10.30 Calendar News; Weather (294483), 10.40 Party in the Park (996629), 11.40 Anatomy of Disaster (307261), 4.20 Jobfinder (9332168).

TYNE TEES As Yorkshire except: 10.20 North East News and Weather (7578984). 12.20 North East News (4922667). 12.25 Jobfink (4921938). 3.20 North East News end Weather (1319464). 5.55 North East Weather (577984), **6.00**North East Tonight (88377), **10.30** North East News and Weather (294483). 10.40 Magnetic North (996629).

As Channel 4 except: 12.30 Ricki Lake (98700): 1.00 Stol Meithrin: Ty Chwith a Smot y Cl (35356): 1.30 Collectors' Lot (42832087): 1.50 Film: Dentist on the Job" (64633648): 4.30 Ricki Lake (984): 5.00 SPump: Unsd 5 Flicki Lake (984). 5.00 5Pump: Uned 5 (1803). 5.30 Countdown (484). 6.00 Newyddion 6 (398919). 6.10 Heno (963803). 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (861735). 7.25 garej (977071). 8.00 Y Sice Fawr (7087). 8.30 Newyddion (9822). 9.00 Tour de France (6716). 9.30 Friends (81464). 10.00 Brookside: Jimmy Is pleased to get a teaching job. Katie wonders if Jacqui is bonding with the baby (401975). 10.35 Ally McBeel (907735). 11.30 Armistead Mauphits (907735), **11.30** Armistead Maupins Teles of the City (33860). **1.30** Lonely Planet (88385). 2.00 Close.

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#### 22 Socially pretentious person (4) Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword:

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8.30 The National Lottery Draw (S) (T) (598342).

TVs fascinating time-lapse documentary series, catching up with men and women who were only seven years old when tirst cepturad on film in 1964, in tonights programme, we find out what has happened to Paul, last eeen in Australia. Has Bruce – who was teaching in Bangladesh – at last found a wife? And is Neil, the undoubted "star" of the last series, still unemployed in the Shetlande? (S) (T) (875507!).

\$0.48 Sectuded by Madnase. 2/2 Concluding this typically glossy and remorseless based-on-real-life mini-eeries. Ann-Mergret is suitably mad and bad as the manipulative high-school teacher suspected of being behind the shooting of her husbend by three teenege boys (S) (1) (478822).

EIIM 53 Hours till Dawn (Donald Wrye 1990 US). Kidnapper Peter Strauss and millionaire Robert Urich Incluige in e battle of nerves as Urich's daughter (Samarthe Mathis) ruris out of time and oxygan while buried alive in the backwoods of Atlanta (T) (945878).

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D Business Breekteet (79377), 7.00 News (1) (32261).
9.00 All over the Shop (F) (S) (3878006), 9.20 Kilroy (S) (T) (3083984), 10.00 Meet the Challenge (4662976), 10.25 Style Challenge Classics (S) (8584144), 10.55 Short Changes (S) (1352209), 11.00 Newe; Regional Nave; Weether (T) (5885822), 11.05 Great Reliway Journeye (7843218), 11.55 News; Regional Newe; Veether (T) (6933764), 12.00 Every Second Counts (F) (S) (T) (4267), 12.30 A Word in Your Eer (79990), 1.00 News; Weether (T) (42648), 1.30 Regional News end Weather (15779629), 1.40 Neighboure (S) (49108483).

2.05 Perry Meson. 'The Casa of the Lethel Leseon'. A former law etudent of Mason is murdered (9813990).

3.35 Children's BBC: Noddy (7720025), 3.45 Playdays (R) (S) (6199984), 4.05 Popeye (R) (2485700), 4.40 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (R) (S) (T) (9072822), 4.35 The Wild House (R) (S) (T) (3928803), 5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (370342), 5.10 The Biz (R) (S) (T) (6479483).

6.00 News | Westher (1) (687). 5.35 Neighbours. Karl wanta to exemine Serah. Oh aya (S) (T) (545984).

6.30 Regional News (T) (919).

7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds and more saddos, including "e mystery celebrity". He or ehe is probably better off keeping it that way (5) (5829).

Tomorrow's World. Peter Snow reports from Japan on the epolication of ancient building methods in the construction of a new skyecreper in Tokyo (S) (T) (803).

**Vets in Practice.** Meat the four Leonard brothers, all of whom have become vets (S) (T) (4377).

8.45 Points of View (B) (T) (684183) 9.00 Newst Regional News; Weathar (T) (3008).

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DOCUMENTARY OF THE DAY

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Children's BBC: Telefubbles (1698532), 7.28 Dink, the Little Dinosaur (1617867), 7.50 The Fatne Game (4344087), 8.16 Tom and Jerry Kids (2204822), 8.36 Barney (9478803), 8.45 The Record (2975960), 9.10 Hawkeye (3085342), 9.50 Certoon (8179445), 10.00 Telefubbles (22342), 10.30 The Pink Panither Show (R) (6985483).

12.30 Working Lunch (76532), 1.00 The Beschgrove Garden (33990), 1.30 Peoplets Century (R) (1111532), 2.25 Caron Cooper's Cooking with Confidence (R) (S) (620378f8), 2.40 News; Weether (T) (8778281), 2.45 Weethinster with Diana Madii (S) (T) (2724358), 3.55 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (8537290),

4.00 IIII Under Celitornie Stars (Williem Wilney 1948 US). Sterring the recently deceased Roy Rogers. Trigger is kidnepped and held for e \$100,000 rensom (4045628).

5.15 Gower's Cricket Monthly (S) (8130280).

6.00 Ster Trak: The Next Generation. The Enterprise accidentally kills en alien energy force. How do you ecoldenielly kill an ellen anargy force? (R) (S) (885071).

8.45 Silders. More eclence-flotion. The parallel-universe trippere land in a world where a powerful and feored group have discovered a way to enter e parson's dreams (Followed by Conversation Plant further views on modern sculpture) (S) (T) (207607).

7.30 Wetch Out. The best places to ess dolphins, golden esgles and wild fellow deer preparing for their simusi rut — If you must (S) (445).

8.00 SHOUR Birthplace of the Beetles. Follows the National Trust restoration of the former home of Paul McCartney. See Documentary of the Day, below (S) (T)

8.30 Looking Good. Beauty therapist Bharti Vyss cresise a rejuvereting facial from kitchsn ingredients. Cen't welt. Plus, how to be etylish at a wedding (4754). 9.00 Cumbrian Tates. Rural life vérilé. Helen, Merk and their five children fece moving into a caravan becausa they cennot afford e home in their own village (S) (1648).

9.30 SHOUSE Amongat Women. 2/4. Continuing this superior four-part adeptation of John McGshern's noval est in rurel ireland during the 1950s. See Drama of the Day, below (S) (T) (85396).

night. With Jeremy Paxman (T) (171483).

10.30 Londo cspitel

In Tonight. Regional news updete for the and the eouth east (T) (294483).

10,00 News

Weether (T) (85984).

11.15 Ruby. Her guests are ector Richerd Wilson end author P D Jamee (Followed by Weethervisw) (S) (574716).

12.00 The Midright Hour (71946). 12.30 Open University:
The Interactive Zone (2204217). 12.46 The Big Picture (1913859). 140 Hubberd Brook: the Chemistry of a Forest (9932472). 1.35 Norfolk Broeds: Conservation vs Commerciatism (3047648). 2.00 The Greete:
Artiste 4 (38528). 4.00 The French Experience I; 13 - 16 (56188). 5.00 Bushess end Traking: My Brilliant Career (46323). 5.30 Store and Traking: My Brilliant

10.40 Millioneirea. Say Helio! to Richard Brenson, with lootsge of his Oxfordshire home and his private hideawey in the Virgin Islande (R) (S) (998629).

12.45 Theims Theims pleys III-11.10 Perty In the Perk. Highlighte of the Prince's Trust concert in Hyde Perk earlier this month (Followed by Tales from the Derkside) (S) (332867). White Hot: the Mysterious Murder of ns Todd (Paul Wendkos 1991 US), Loni Anderson I-fated Thirties movie star Thelma Todd (461491).

2.30 Dne Summer in Whitby (1) (55120), 3.00 Vanessa (6878043), 3.35 Cybernet (1619540), 4.00 Soundtrex (59256507), 4.20 ITV Nightacreen (9332168), To 5.30em.

BBC2

10.50 [I][M] Captain Nemo and the Underwater City (Jamae Hill 1959 US). So-so underweter happenings with Robert Byan es an unlikely Nemo (1) (45242628).

3.25 Childre (R) (S) (Chatter

5.10 Home

5.40 News Weather (T) (524006).

6.00 London cepital a bulleth (

7.00 Emmerdele. Yorkshire folk. Lady Tare has a ehock for Lord Michael, Lady Penelope is apparently a puppel, end end Peulstle battles with Emma for Roy (S) (T) (3025).

8.00 Cather Continui verine Cookson's The Gembling Men. 2/3 ruing this Catherine Cookson rerun, being shown ruing this Catherine Cookson rerun, being shown as a tribute to the writer who died lest month. It's ne starring Robson Green as a South Shields rent clor who decides to improve his life by entering the lof big-time gambling (R) (S) (T) (7551).

9.00 Taggert. 2/3. \*Deed Reckoring". Jardine and his team continue to probe the epperently motiveless murders of two Gleswegian women, both escort agency workers – and both linked to a Highlands activity centre for executivee (S) (T) (4087).

10.00 Atty McBeal. The firm helps the wife of a rich man negate a pre-nuptial agreement, while Eleins's sexual harassment compleint comee to a head. Also, Ally and Billy negotiate personal bounderiss (S) (T) (5716).

12.00 Weekly Planet. "Is the Media Deatroying Democracy?" Discuss. Elizabeth Murdoch, Heed of Programming at BSkyB end you-know-who's deughtar, is one of Jon Snow's gueets (833033).

11.00 Cybiti (S) (T) (1281). 11.30 Barking (T) (19822)

1.35 Tales from the Wastelend (R) (T) (6833507). 2.35 Bupa Grend Prix from Getashead (R) (642401). 4.05 Trackside (R) (6415101). 4.35 Transworld Sport (R) (4584304). 5.30 Tour de Francs (6485985). To 5.55am.

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8.00 GMTY (1075071).

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y (T) (7578984). 10.30 A Woman Named Jackle (R)
137483). 12.20 Your Shout (4913919). 12.30 Newe:
1ther (T) (70358). 1.00 London Todey (T) (37716).

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ne and Away (S) (T) (858163). 2.45 Supermarket
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en's ITV: Tots TV (R) (S) (1309087). 3.35 Titch (7715183). 3.45 Slim Pig (R) (7702628). 4.00 Theppy Ponise (S) (T) (2575377). 4.10 Garfield ende (R) (2584261). 4.20 Walfer Melon (T) (4). 4.45 The Scoop (S) (T) (3940483).

and Away (S) (T) (5423377).

n Tonight. Regional newe update for the and the South-East, including a local weather (T) (735).

6.30 London Bridge. Capitel scap. Liam Islis Ravi to end his affeir with Meg, and Luke prepares for his evening with Jan (S) (777).

7.30 Coronetion Street. Greg puts Selly on the epot, while Bits end Alec share a werm moment (T) (241).

9.00 Bleck 80x. More secrets of the in-flight recorder. This week's programme looks at air tsrrorism, including sacked sirline staff who heve blacked planes and the bomb expert who investigeted the Locksrbie disaster (S) (T) (2629). 8.30 Dseia on Wheele. Mike Brewer tries to make a quick profit by reselling that Ford Fleste he bought last wsek. Plus, other auto-transactions (S) (T) (9822).

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7.00 The Big Breekfest (S) (T) (52071). 9.00 The Bigger Breakfast (48261). 9.30 Saved by the Bell (R) (S) (T) (94984). 10.00 Bug Juice (T) (1273990). 10.40 Sister Sister (R) (S) (T) (9031803). 11.10 Wise Up (R) (T) (7588398). 11.45 Madison (T) (4365754). 12.30 Mission Impossible (T) (6165919). 1.35 Collectors' Lot (42831358).

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THE WEDNESDAY REVIEW
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.00 5 News (3484735), 7.00 WideWorld (1574622), 7.30 Milkshakel (9783984), 7.35 Wind in the Willows (4911754), 5.00 Hevaka zoo (3681716), 8.30 Dappledown Farm (3680087), 9.00 Starting from Beratch (3604667), 9.30 Russell Grant's Postcerds (9096754), 8.38 The Opreh Winfrey Show (6997396), 10.20 Sunset Beach (485555), 11.10 Leaza (6275445), 12.00 5 News et Noon (3684803), 12.30 Family Affaire (3221358), 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1573183), 1.30 Sons and Daughters (3220629).

1.85 IIIII The Captein's Paredise (Anthony Kimmins 1853 UK), Gentle farce, unlexing on both viewer and Alec Gulmass, who stere as a ferryboat ceptain with two very different wives – "exotic" Yvanne De Carlo in Tangisr, and mousey, stiff-upper-lipped Cella Johnson in Gibreiter, inevitably, the cosy set-up starts to coms unstuck (T) (64841667).

**3.3D Watercolour Chellenge** (T) (193), **4.00** Fifteen to One - the Big Winnere (S) (T) (700). **4.30** Countdown (S) (T) (3847342).

3.20 The Return of Frank Cannon. William Conred's 19-stone detective bowed out of regular duty in 1976. However, in 1980, he came out of rettrement for this one-off TV movie, probing the suspicioue suicide of en old friend (49244087).

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2.00 1313 The Hound of the Backerviller (Barry Crane 1972 US). Pilot for a proposed TV series, starring Stewert Granger as Holmes and William Shainer, of all people, in eupport. Dreadful (89357846).

4.55 Ricki Leke. Guests propose to their first lovee, even though they have not met for yeare (R) (S) (T) (5497445).

5.30 Pet Reacuers (S) (T) (484).

6.00 Tour de Frence, Their little legs pedal away the 170km stage from Luchon to Pleteau de Beille (S) (T) (377).

6.00 1D0 Per Cent. The game show without a host (S) (1534984).

5.10 The Opreh Whifrey Show. Brides who knew they were making e mistake when they got merried (5915984).

6.30 Boy Meets World. Cory and Topanga spend Christmas together and learn that they are very different people (S) (829).

7.00 Chennel 4 News; Weather. Including heedines et 7.30pm (S) (T) (718735). 6.30 Family Affeirs. Angus decides to invest in e race-horse (scap shorthand for tecklessness), end Mei revsels Eddies true identity (S) (T) (1821464).

7.00 5 News, Including First on Five. Kirsty Young is upend about (S) (T) (5287716).

7.50 Gellery Week. Featuring the Brahm Gallery in Leeds (T) (901087). 7.30 Seastly Britain. Widlife documentary about Studend Heath, a populer holidey resort and nature reserve where many of Britein's reptiles can be found (P) (S) (T) (1627848).

5.00 Brookside. Jimmy is pleased to get e teaching job, Katle wonders if Jacqui is bonding with the baby, and Rachel asks Bruno out (T) (7087). 8.00 The Pepsi Chart. Apollo 4-40 with their song from Lost in Space, and Ulire Nate perform live (S) (5296464)

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9.00 OHOLD DOA (Rocky Morton and Annabel Jankel 1988 US). A disiliusioned college professor wakea up from a night of drinking to discover that he has been poisoned with a slow-acting toxin. See Film of the Day, below (T) (54820321). 8-30 Club Culture. First of two progremmes ebout couples competing in the Salsa Dence Championships (S) (5/02071).

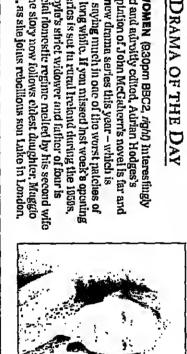
10.50 The Jeck Docherty Show (S) (2162087) 11.30 Compromising Situations. Soft porn (4055445).

12.05 Major Leegué Baseball ~ Live (S) (43913897). 4.40 Madman of the People (14508156). 5.05 Throb (16606120). 5.30 100 Psr Cent (R) (S) (3548588). To Sam.

TELEVISION GUIDE BY GERARD GILBERT



BIRTHPLAGE OF THE BEATLES (Bpm BBC2 right) "I've never come ecross Ariex in e Nedional Trust property before," says the decorator scraping it from the Liverpool council house where Paul McCartney grew up and where the Beetles wrote many of their early hits. PVC windows are another hurdle for the restorers as they take the house back into the 1950s, hoping to discover unpublished Beatles lyrics under every piece of woodchip. This One hou in the Past special is lightly peppered with criticism - from those who think that the Trust shouldn't woodchip the protest early special is the protest with criticism.



FILM OF THE DAY

DOA (9pm C5, right) From the creators of the cultish 1980s TV show Mox Headroom, this is the second remeke of the famous 1950 film noir in which Edmond O'Brien dragged in meet into a police station to report e murder — his own. He had been administered with some slow-acting polson and had to find his killers before he popped it. In this over-busy 1988 version, the settiog is transposed to ecedemia, with Dennis Quaid in the O'Brien role, and Meg Ryan playing the student who has a crush or him and who helps him find the killer. In among the red herrings, showy camera-work and direct



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